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### Young people of Hessle Road through the decades celebrated with specially created performance

A project which has brought the heart of Hull's old fishing community together will culminate with a free dance and drama production this month as part of Hull UK City of Culture 2017.

The young people of Hessle Road Network present a performance of *1940s-Now*, as part of Hull 2017's Creative Communities Programme, which is being delivered in partnership with the Big Lottery Fund.

The performance, which takes place on the evening of Friday 24 February at Hessle Road Network Young People's Centre, explores the differences in the lives of young people living in Hessle Road from the 1940s to present day.

Young people interviewed older residents about what life was like for them when they were young, before working with a dance tutor to develop the performance. It is a fascinating insight into what life was like growing up in the area during the war and through the decline of the fishing industry compared to modern day pressures.

Julie Robinson, Chief officer of Hessle Road Network, said: "We are really excited to be a part of Hull 2017. All of the young people have worked really hard to create an amazing performance, looking at what it is like to grow up in the Hessle Road area compared to how it was in the 1940s.

"Our young people have been working really hard to put this performance together, it will be a great experience for the group as well as for family, friends and the community who will have the opportunity to be a part of the City of Culture."

Martin Green, CEO and Director of Hull 2017, added: "Creative Communities is all about bringing people together to celebrate where they live and expressing pride in their roots through art and culture. This project is a fantastic way of bringing different generations together to start a conversation about their neighbourhood and develop an understanding of each other."

To book tickets, contact Gemma Barker on [gemma-hrn@outlook.com](mailto:gemma-hrn@outlook.com) or 01482 606077 or Hessle Road Network Young People's Centre, 1 Massey Street, Hull, HU3 3LA.

For more information and to book tickets, visit: [www.hull2017.co.uk/whatson/1940-now](http://www.hull2017.co.uk/whatson/1940-now)

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