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**TAKEOVER AT THE LOWRY**

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**THE LOWRY**

**A VERY WARM**

# **WELCOME**

## **TO THE LOWRY**

### **WHAT IS SPEAK UP?**

Speak Up is a National Theatre project, working with The Lowry, which aims to engage nearly 150,000 young people in 55 schools and 11 areas of the country over the next three years. It's a co-created initiative that aims to

give young people a voice. Uniting schools, students and communities, the program is about celebrating creativity. Working with local artists and teachers, the students will make work that is about issues that they want to explore and together they will create a piece of work that allows them be heard.

We're excited to welcome schools from across **Greater Manchester** to The Lowry today to showcase the work they have developed as part of the Speak Up programme.

**SAY**

**HELLO**

# SALFORD



## Speak Up schools from Salford

### **BUILE HALL ACADEMY**

**Dawnhope Academy -  
The School of the Future**

Welcome to the future! We are delighted to have you here as students of Dawnhope Academy for the day. Meet the students around the building as they tour you through their school of the future. Who is in charge? Who calls the shots? What is the uniform and lunch like? How does the school prioritise the climate and students' mental health? What subjects do they study and how do they study it? The students of Dawnhope Academy explore what the education system in the UK is like today and how far into the future we think these changes will need to take place.

### **ALBION ACADEMY**

**The Future of Body Positivity**

*The Return of Body Positive* is a superhero action film following a young girl named Lillie, also known as The Artist. Emerged in her world of comics, hero's and villains she is forced to battle three super villains of her own who will challenge her on her body image, but who will prevail?



### **IRLAM AND CADISHEAD ACADEMY**

**Mental Health Matters**

A live performance exploring the importance of good mental health and supporting one another through difficult times.

### **NEW PARK ACADEMY**

**New Bark Podcast**

*New Bark Podcast* is a weekly podcast created by the students at New Park Academy. Inspired by their therapy dog, Pepper, New Bark explores a different topic each week and discusses topics ranging from popular culture to our hopes and fears, with a bit of humour and sarcasm thrown in for good measure!

### **THE LOWRY ACADEMY**

**A Place I Belong**

*A Place I Belong* is a music video that explores the impact of bullying and the importance of reaching out to others for help, written and performed by the Speak Up group of The Lowry Academy.

# WIGAN

**WELCOME TO**



## Speak Up schools from Wigan

### **BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Bravery**

A short film from the Speak Up group at Bedford High School that follows the stories of 6 people and how they have to use bravery.

### **BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Don't be a Chicken**

A satire collection of short scenes highlighting animal cruelty and the threat of global warming. We aim to inform and entertain, drawing attention to a variety of animals and the issues they face.

### **DEAN TRUST ROSE BRIDGE**

#### **Welcome to Wigan**

An immersive, theatrical portrayal of Wigan through the eyes of its young people. An ensemble driven collective piece that pop up anywhere at anytime and invite its audiences to walk among the people and places of Wigan - or at least, how they see it.



### **FRED LONGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **'Oh you creatures, pouring jelly boogie into that selfie soup at the summoning, DON'T BREAK THE DRESS CODE!'**

You are invited to the biggest NYE party ever, with sparkly drinks and everything! In a place a bit like here, but not quiet. With a group of creatures that are totally themselves, but not at all. Upside down, right side up. Change making monsters dance with a lovely Jelly that your grandma made, but don't get too attached because not everything is as it seems. This film has been devised and created from conversations about identity and authentic self. The group have explored creative alter egos and characterising different parts of themselves. All the elements of this film have been created by the group, from props to clay models.

### **LOWTON COFE HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Visual Art Exhibition**

Working with visual artist, Kate Freeborough, the Speak Up group created three large canvases displaying messages of hope and joy to be permanently displayed in the playground of their school.



**ROCK ON**

# ROCHDALE



## Speak Up schools from Rochdale

### ST. ANNE'S ACADEMY

#### Culture, Pride and Diversity Festival

The Speak Up group at St. Anne's Academy have been sharing messages of acceptance and inclusion through their Speak Up sessions and are bringing their celebration of culture, pride and diversity to The Lowry.

### FALINGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

#### FUTURE FASHION FORWARD

Where will we be in a hundred years time? Ten minutes time? Five years time? A catwalk show about ambitions, dreams and the future.

### HOLLINGWORTH ACADEMY

#### Our World: The Musical

Join us for the adventure of a lifetime, through the care takers cupboard to the world of perfection! Watch out for some out of this world creatures and magic! With original songs and homemade costumes this musical is proper special!

### WARDLE ACADEMY

#### Category

Dive into the captivating world of challenging stereotypes and unraveling the intricacies of human judgment and preconceptions. Prepare to be inspired, challenged, and ultimately enlightened as we embark on this eye-opening exploration of human perception.

### EDGAR WOOD ACADEMY

#### All Different, All the Same: An Exploration of Teachers' Stories

An exhibition celebrating the lives of teachers outside of the classroom, curated by the Speak Up group at Edgar Wood Academy.



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