

# out & about

In the spring of 2001 three hundred Year Five children from the north east of Sheffield took part in a major project intended to improve the quality of transition for children moving from junior school to secondary school.

Using photography as a starting point the children worked alongside Year Eight pupils from Hinde House Secondary School.

They used cameras in their schools, their homes and their communities. Back in the classroom the children used their photographs to create albums, inspire stories, poetry, drawings, paintings and textile work. Over seven thousand photographs were taken.

The project helped the younger children to see what life was really like in secondary school, to work with older pupils and find them less frightening, to be better prepared for the process of moving to a bigger environment. It helped the older pupils to demonstrate a sense of responsibility, to enjoy helping the younger ones to learn, to share their own experiences of transition. It also produced some stunningly creative work.

This exhibition showcases just some of the quality and diversity of the work that between them the children created.





The Creative Transitions project is a partnership between the Hinde House 'family of schools' and Heads Together Productions, brought about through the support of the Sheffield North East Education Action Zone.

The Zone works with twenty one schools in the north east of the city to raise educational standards, to help schools to improve and to support children in their achievements. The Zone's major sponsors are HSBC and Yorkshire Water, without whom projects such as this could not happen.

**The schools involved in the project were:**

Hinde House Secondary School  
Bracken Hill Junior School  
Concord Junior School  
Limpsfield Junior School  
Phillimore Park Primary School  
Tinsley County Junior School

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