THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALLERY

Activity: What is home?

This activity, created by photographer Ryan Prince, invites you to think about the concept of home as more than just a place. Can people be your home? Is it a place, smell or feeling?

With these questions in mind, you will create a photograph of your perception of what home is. Working in this way encourages you to try and let go of thinking about if you are taking a good picture and challenges, you to think about what the picture means.

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Examples

You will need:

- Camera, smart phone, or iPad to take photos
- People you know willing to be photographed
- Pen and Paper to take notes
- Printer (optional)
- Access to a location to shoot your images

Instructions

Step 1: Choose your subject

Think about people that are "home" for you, people you are comfortable with.
Once you have chosen your subjects and they are happy to be photographed write down some words as to why they are home for you.

Tip: It could be just one person, however, try and choose multiple people. Your friends or a community you are a part of like a sports team maybe. Actual family members are fine, but you are encouraged to try and think beyond family.

Step 2: Choose your location

Now think about a location, this could be somewhere where you often visit such as a friend or family member's home, or on the block of your local estate or a ball court.

Step 3: Shooting your subject

It's time to take some photos!

Think about your viewpoint. Are you shooting from eye level, or looking up or down at your subject? And how might that change how the subject is seen.
Will images be full body, or close-up headshots?

Tip: You may need to use a tripod to keep the camera in the same position, you could also try hold your smart phone and putting it on a timer while you interact with your subjects to try and catch more natural images.

Step 4: Reflection

Look at the images you have captured. How do you view the people you photographed, are they serious, or silly? Did you capture that?

Select some of images you think are the strongest and show them to the people photographed to see what they think.

This resource was influenced by Photoworks Teachers resources inspired by Home is Not a Place. See it here:
https://photoworks.org.uk/resources/community-home-place/