

International Women's Day Conference 8th March 2019 at the University of the West of England

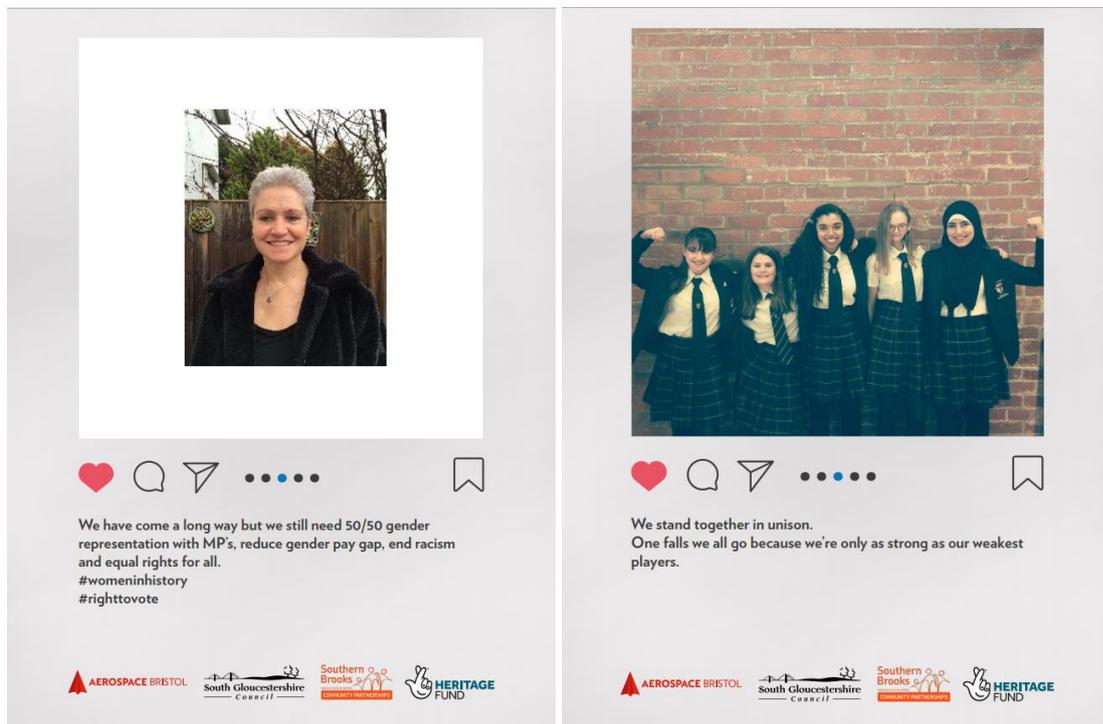
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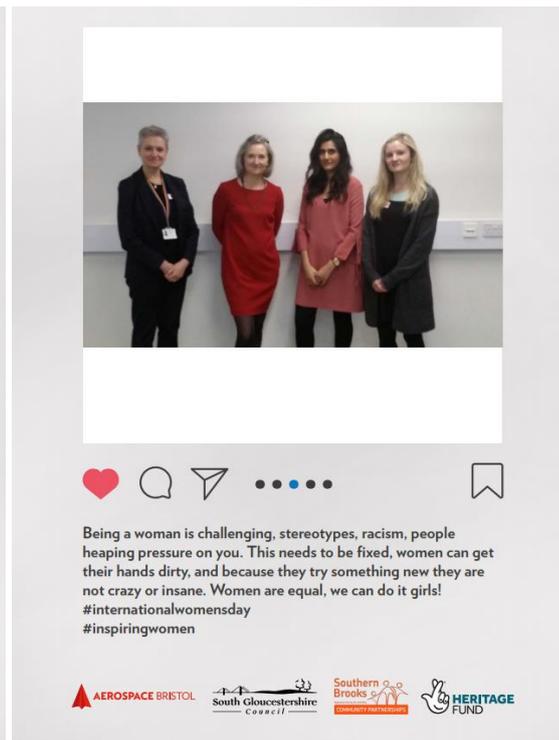
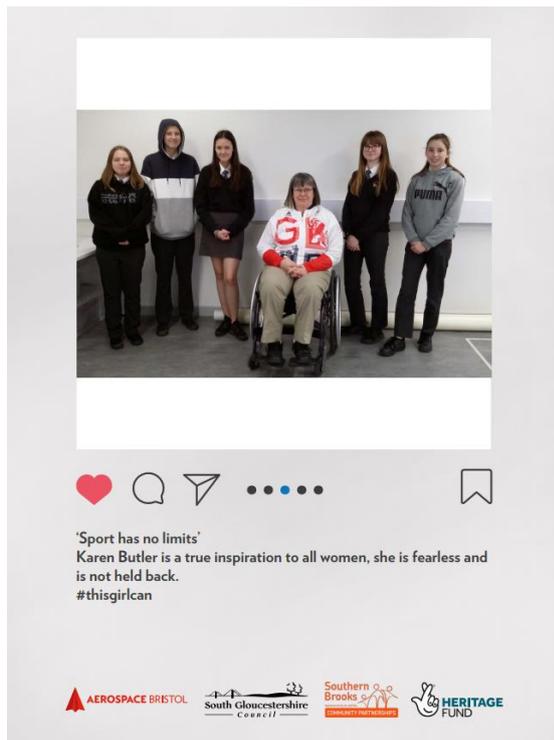
In March, our partners Southern Brooks Community Partnership (SBCP), together with the Regional History Centre, at the University of the West of England, Bristol and in association with the University of Hertfordshire's First World War Studies Centre and Aerospace Bristol hosted a workshop (Friday 1 March) and conference (Friday 8 March). The aim was to engage with 100 young people from Digitech Studio School, Bradley Stoke Community School, Patchway Community School and Winterbourne Academy, in the history of women's rights and share to local inspiring women's stories.

At the workshop at Aerospace Bristol the young women worked in groups supported by STEM ambassadors to explore how women's rights have changed in the last 100 years and gave the young women an opportunity to meet and hear from 11 of the inspiring women who were nominated for and appeared in the exhibition *Inspiring women: The Legacy of the First World War in South Gloucestershire*. The young people created social media posts which reflected their reactions to the workshop sessions and illustrated their experiences as young women today in South Gloucestershire.

Examples of the social media posts as exhibition pieces

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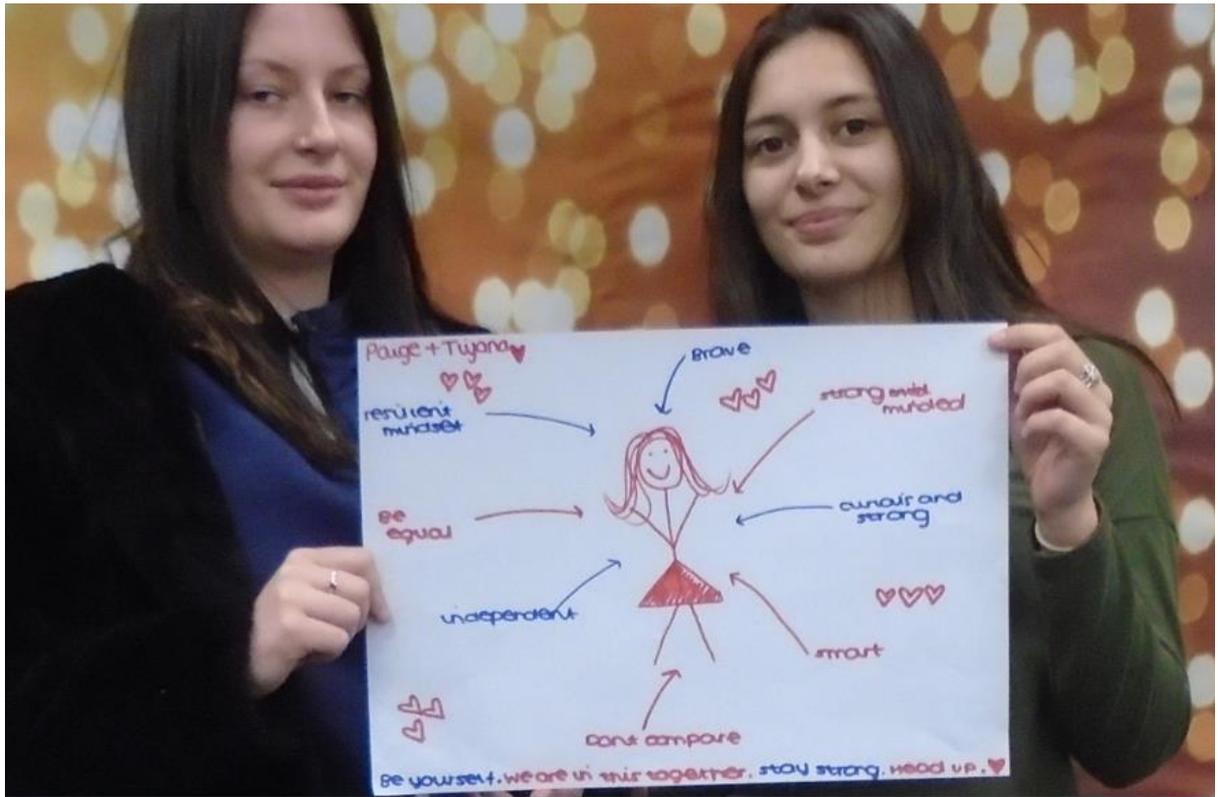
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The social media posts created were mounted as exhibition pieces displayed at the conference at UWE Bristol's Exhibition and Conference Centre a week later on International Women's Day. The conference was invitation only to the young people from organisations listed above and influential decision makers from around South Gloucestershire. UWE Ambassador's sharing their experiences of applying for and studying at UWE with the young people. The conference included inspiring and motivating talks from June Harrington, (Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost, UWE), June Hannam, (Professor Emeritus, Modern British History, UWE) and Aaliyah Hussain (Inspiring Women nominee and Founder of WeRise). The young people were also encouraged to share their ideas about how they viewed the future, with the inspiring women and influential decision makers and then to create a vision for what they want the future to look like for women in South Gloucestershire.

Examples of the young people's shared ideas (Blue Skies Thinking) for the future for women

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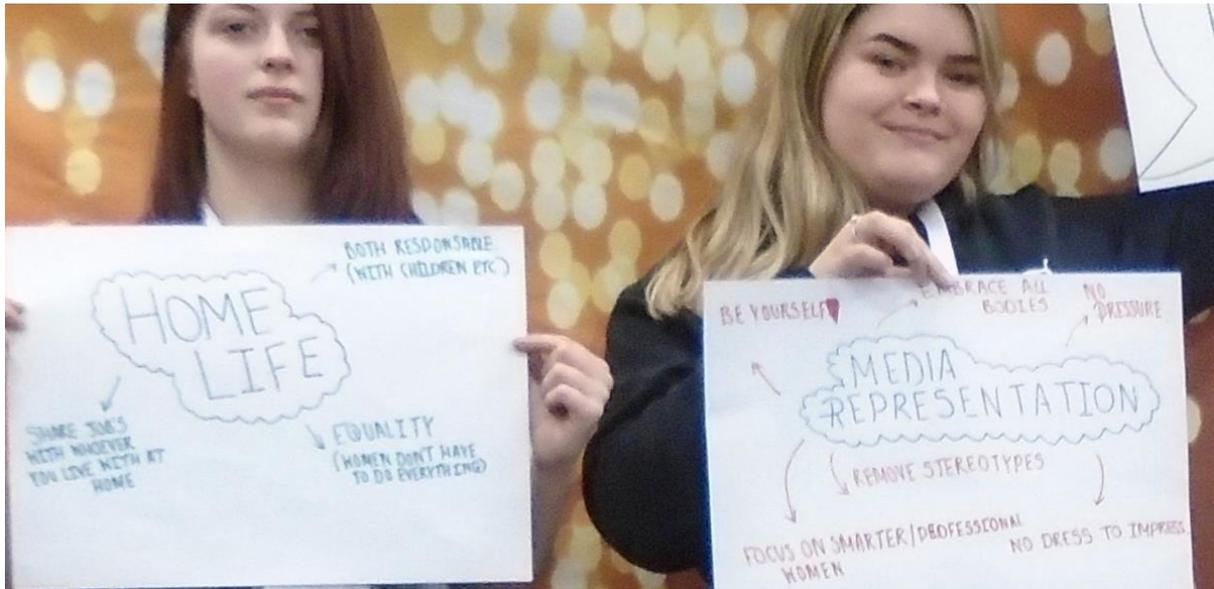
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Be yourself, we are in this together, stay strong, head up. ♥



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