

# One Day Changes - Impact Case Study



One Day Changes is an exhibition by Kurdish Iraq photojournalists Ako Ismail and Shahor Omar who now live in the North East of England. The exhibition and film, 'The Smell of Apples', commissioned by Skimstone Arts, premiered as part of Holocaust Memorial Day 2022 at Newcastle City Library in January 2022 and featured a radio broadcast performed to a live audience and via Skimstone Radio and Facebook Live. The broadcast featured original music, alongside film, poetry and spoken word all inspired by real stories, research and lived experiences, exploring how we can build a better future, one change at a time.

In March, One Day Changes toured to Pop Recs, Sunderland, coinciding with the anniversary of the Halabja chemical attack, and St John's College, Durham University which included a seminar and panel discussion following the screening. In June the exhibition will tour to Newcastle University to coincide with Refugee Week 2022, presented outdoors in a unique setting on campus accompanied by a soundscape by international Kurdish composer Rzgar Hama Rauf, commissioned by Skimstone Arts. The film, The Smell of Apples will be screened and followed by a panel discussion.

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## Outputs/Outcomes

- Exhibition and film tour to 4 high profile venues, including regional Universities as well as new expressions of interest to host the work nationally.
- Over **559** people have attended the exhibition and film screenings, live and online

## Impact

- Ako and Shahor are now established Associated Artists embedded in Skimstone Arts practice and support project development, documentation and film production across Skimstone Arts projects
- We have established regional and national connections with University partners and members of National Union of Journalists
- Social action has been embedded across this project inviting audiences to pledge messages of support for Ukraine and all those affected by war and oppression.
- The project has received positive PR coverage regionally, national and across Kurdistan media channels

## Feedback

*"Unless and until we get to hear these testimonies in unique and mesmerising ways will we learn, and once we learn we will say no... we must learn and in order for us to learn organisations such as Skimstone, it is absolutely vital for you to create the platform and the opportunity."*

**Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Habib Rahman, January 2022**

*"I wanted to tell people about peace and working for humanity. I was a child and teenager in the war. I want to change things. I feel very good that you've helped me and everyone at Skimstone Arts to understand and make this film and exhibition."*

**Shahor Omar, Skimstone Arts' Associate Artist & Filmmaker, February 2022**

*"Incredibly striking, an important message that all humanity experiences the same in war wherever it may be."*

**Audience member, Durham University, May 2022**