Take Two Portraits

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Worksheet One: Look and Discuss
Work with a partner to make notes.

Find this painting in room 35

Look at the pose.
Is she standing or sitting?

What is she wearing?

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Describe her expression.

How old is she?

What does she do?

Why is her portrait here?

What objects can you see?

Worksheet Two: Read and Discuss

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Camila Batmanghelidjh is founder and director of Kids Company, a charity which provides support to vulnerable children and young people.

Camila was born in Iran. She went to one of the UK's top private schools for girls. She was at school when her father was imprisoned in the Iranian revolution. Camilla studied counselling and psychotherapy in London. Using her own financial resources, Camila set up 'the place 2 be' and in the 1990s, 'Kid's Company. She discovered a talent for working with vulnerable children and young people who have difficult lives.

True or False. Circle the correct answer:

Camila's family were poor	**True / False**
She had a good education	**True / False**
She started a charity	**True / False**
She fights for equal rights	**True / False**

Match the words to their meanings.

charity	children who are at risk
counselling	an attempt to change a political system by force
imprisoned	an organisation that works to help people, without profit
revolution	a way of helping people by talking about their problems
vulnerable children	locked up or kept somewhere without freedom

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Worksheet Three: Compare and contrast

Look at the portraits of Camila and Emmeline.
Work with a partner to match the descriptions to the portraits.
Discuss all the possible answers.
(You can tick more than one portrait)

The woman in this portrait looks wealthy	☑	☑
The woman in this portrait is wearing unusual clothes	☐	☐
The woman in this portrait is sitting	☐	☐
The woman in this portrait is smiling	☐	☐
The woman in this portrait works with children	☐	☐
This portrait is an unusual shape	☐	☐
The woman in this portrait looks strong	☐	☐

Debate and Discuss: In the Gallery or back in class

Discuss the following questions with your group

- These women have campaigned for causes. What have they fought for?
- What are the similarities between the two women?
- What are the differences between the two women?
- These women came from wealthy families, they chose to campaign for people's rights. Why do you think they wanted to do this?

How much do you know?

- What did Emmeline do to fight for her cause?
- What did Camila do to fight for her cause?
- Who do you think chose the best way to fight for her cause?
- What cause would you fight for?