

# Making a Mark: Tees Valley museums and the National Portrait Gallery

The logo consists of the words 'MAKING A' in a smaller font above the word 'MARK' in a larger, bold font, all contained within a rounded green square.

## Summary of Activity Plan 2013-14

Tees Valley museums working with the National Portrait Gallery have created **Making a Mark**: a programme to help students explore how the Tees Valley made its mark on Britain, especially in the age of industry, and how we can still trace the lives and influences of people locally. The programme offers students the chance to be curious, collaborative and creative in making their own marks, inspired by our local heroes and heritage.

### Regional partners

Kirkleatham Museum (lead), Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum, Dorman Museum, Captain Cook Birthplace Museum, Hartlepool Museum and Art Gallery, Preston Park Museum, Head of Steam Museum **National**: National Portrait Gallery

### Targets:

**Schools:** 100

**Students:** 12600

**Visits:** 37800

**Aim 1:** create a programme that explores new and creative areas of practice in museum learning, resulting in high quality, long-term sustainable change

**Aim 2:** develop better understanding of, and deeper relationships with local schools, both primary and secondary

**Aim 3:** enthuse teachers about the potential of local museums to support their curriculum and increase the likelihood of visits

**Aim 4:** engage students with their local heritage and positively impact on their school work

### Activity

Develop and deliver sessions based on core learning principles

- at least 15 different programmes developed, inc some secondary
- holiday programme for families
- targets met for Year 1 and on target for Year 2

Develop and implement evaluation framework

- online survey for teachers
- external funding for a student study and teacher consultation

Build relationships with new/more schools

- beginning to visit non-participating schools to speak at staff meetings
- planning Teacher Twilights for March 2014 onwards

Develop Arts Award Discover, support Artsmark

- creating own AAD materials with Bridge NE
- approaching Artsmark schools to take part in programme

Develop and share skills

- each partner has area of lead responsibility within the Plan
- observing partner sessions
- creative workshops at NPG