

# A Place Called Home



## Tips for Heritage & Home Boxes

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# Inspiring stimulus & handling...

Objects and items aren't simply neutral: embedded within them are values, goals, concepts, issues and solutions, user history and memories, culture and society traditions, daily life and economics.

Our Heritage Boxes & Global Collections - by co-creating them, using our methodology and drawing on our relationships - we bring our global society closer to our local community.

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# What does A Place Called Home bring?



## 1 Heritage & Home Boxes

Gathering and curating collections of memorable items, heritage and cultural objects, books, photos, arts and crafts, homeware. Encourage curiosity.

## 3 Suggestions for settings

Attend project workshops, try out new activities at community events and take part in new conversations. Be part of a community of practice. Become heritage-curious.

## 2 Guidelines

Tips for choosing & handling items that have an authentic story behind them. Start new conversations and

## 4 Connect, Challenge, Change

Guidance & methodology for widening reach of critical thinking approaches to heritage boxes & items. And to encourage a flow of knowledge, skills, perspectives & new conversations.





# Family treasures & memories



Trailblazing Nurse 1959-present

Almost Forgotten Memories of Home

West Africa Home Corner for EY

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# 'Windrush the Journey: People & Place'

Through handling, starting conversations and talking more deeply about our Heritage Boxes & Global Collections, we want people of all ages to discover the culture, heritage, challenges & successes, daily lives, whether in countries around the world, of diaspora communities in the UK and of our own varied Somerset society – past history and present context.

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# 'WW2-era Hidden Somerset Story

Memory care communities may invite relatives to help create a “memory box” with family mementos. These mementos can be soothing and therapeutic during residential care and can provide residents an opportunity to reminisce.

The memory box can include items such as photo albums, music, treasured keepsakes, favourite clothing, fabrics with items being both calming and stimulating as residents touch and hold, sometime old, yet familiar objects

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# Guided questions

What if...

- You could add any artefact or item to a **museum's collection**, regardless of cost or practicality, what would it be and why?
- You could add any artefact or collection to a Heritage Box to tell about **A Place Called Home**, what would it be and why?
- You were putting together your own box of items about your own life experience, what would you include and why?

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- **We want to provide a snapshot** not a stereotype
- **We want people of all ages to be curious** not bored
- **We want items to prompt new conversations** not stifle talk

So when gathering everyday items for your own box, we suggest you ask yourself these questions:-

does this item perpetuate stereotypes of people, place or time  
or does it provide a snapshot



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**"New conversations and new socialising activities to increase connections and deepen social learning about heritage in Somerset."**

