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INSPIRATIONAL SURVIVAL STORIES TO BE SHARED AT LIVERPOOL LIBRARY

The smallest act of kindness makes a significant difference

Some things in life are constant; unfortunately anti-discrimination is one of them. Cities, towns and communities across the globe are witnessing an increase of atrocious acts committed against individuals simply because they practice a different creed, culture or belief.

For this reason, understanding the past to ensure a more tolerant future is essential. The *Courage to Care* exhibition does just that. *Courage to Care*, which returns to Liverpool in March, is a travelling exhibition and community outreach program. It demonstrates that each person can make a difference in the creation of a peaceful society. This theme of tolerance and the power of individuals is a particularly poignant, contemporary message.

Courage to Care features Holocaust survivors' personal stories of rescue as a basis of reflection on contemporary issues of racism and discrimination. It highlights historical acts of courage to create an understanding of the roles of victim, perpetrator and bystander, enabling exhibition participants to reflect upon how everyone has the ability to make a difference.

The exhibition opens on 6 March at the Liverpool City Library, George St, Liverpool. Alongside the accounts of Holocaust survivors and historical objects displays, *Courage to Care* will also launch an interactive smartphone application, as well as additional programming initiatives.

From 9 March, approximately 2000 primary and secondary school students throughout the Liverpool area will experience a free guided tour of the exhibition, and hear personal testimonies of bravery and endurance from a Holocaust survivor. Students will also participate in an engaging discussion that demonstrates the relevance of the exhibition in today's society. In addition, themes of intimidation, discrimination, empowerment and defiance will also be explored, prompting students to examine their own experiences. Ultimately *Courage to Care* encourages students not to be bystanders to discrimination, but to be positive, contributing members of their communities.

The exhibition will be formally launched on Thursday, 12th March at 6:30pm by MP Chris Hayes and Councillor Ned Mannoun, on behalf of Liverpool City Council.

Courage to Care will also acknowledge the personal contribution of Liverpool resident **Nadine Costantini**, who since the age of 23, she has been delivering key services for the Cancer Council, Kogarah Community Services, Bankstown City Council and Headspace Liverpool. Currently, her work is focused on physical health, education and employment opportunities for people 12-25 years of age. *"It is people that inspire me both professionally and personally...life can be challenging and you can either be part of the change and try to make things better or sit and watch by the sidelines"*

Admission to *Courage to Care* is free and information about school programs or making a booking is available by calling (02) 9321 6300. Transport subsidies for schools wishing to attend the exhibition are also available. Alongside school bookings, *Courage to Care* also runs special guided tours and adult programs, and other children focused initiatives. The exhibition, which runs until 12 April, is open to the public during library hours.

For further information go to: www.couragetocare.com.au.

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