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ReFocus is a campaign by the Muslim Youth Helpline providing young people with the opportunity to explore and express their identity through photography. The campaign gathered together a group of 15-20 year olds from a variety of different faiths and backgrounds from Islington in London. The young people of Muslim, Buddhist, Christian and Atheist beliefs were trained in the art of photography through a series of workshops by professional photographers developing their creative camera skills. The participants will now be given a platform to showcase their work at an exhibition at the Seven Dials Club in Covent Garden this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm.

The campaign in conjunction with Jawaab and Young Muslim Voices seeks to break down the faith barriers preventing some young people from being able to positively integrate in British society. Moreover the ReFocus campaign allows young people to appreciate their differences and celebrate their similarities in a multicultural and creative context.

Rukaiya Jeraj, Head of Advocacy at MYH said: "We felt it was important to tackle the subject of faith and identity in a multi faith context. By bringing young people together from different backgrounds a unique opportunity was created to share commonalities in faith and learn more about what makes up our shared and individual identities. All the young people involved have learnt a range of practical skills, met and explored the concepts of faith and identity with each other and have produced an excellent body of work."

You can visit the exhibition this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 4pm-6pm at the Seven Dials Club, 42

Earlham Street, London WC2 9LA. The young people involved will be on hand to talk through their work and how it expresses their identity. This initiative by the Muslim Youth Helpline is indicative of the organisations efforts to bridge the gap between Muslims and wider British society whilst still allowing young people to remain true to their faith and cultural values and principles.