

Performing In Someone Else's Shoes

- So my name is Sharon Barnes, I am the assistant director at Fairfield High School and German teacher.
- It was a twinning project and we were focused on this beautiful story that took place back in the 1940s when children in Bristol donated shoes to children in Hannover. So I had my students involved in a project that commemorated something like that and seeing it on the sketches right up to the performance at Colston Hall has been fantastic for them.
- I was helping design the shoes
- So it was like us performing like showing the shoes to the audience and doing a dance to each shoe 'cause it was from each decade.
- So the 1940s until the 2000s
- The shoes represented a part of what happened
- Us and the Hannover students shared eras so we got to design the shoes together and then we wore the shoes in the performance
- Cotham School made us some music to go with our dance
- I think it made a difference to learning German because we actually got to experience it in real life
- It definitely made me more motivated to learn German and you make like connections and you also learn about the culture, not just the language
- I want to go to do it for A level and then hopefully work in a German speaking country
- So as a teacher, 1 thing that we're trying to instil in our students is the kind of the global communications and that kind of understandings of other people's culture and tolerance and if you're not open to learning about other people's cultures and having those twinning relationships then you're really going to be quite isolated and going to shut yourself off I think from the rest of the world which is quite sad.

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