

Walk a Mile in My Shoes

A giant shoebox, containing a diverse collection of shoes and stories from all over the world, will appear across Britain.

“Customers” will be invited to temporarily exchange their own shoes for an unfamiliar pair belonging to a stranger. They will put on a pair of headphones and take a walk with the stranger’s shoes on their feet and their voice in the ears, via an MP3 player.



The storytellers include a British boxer fighting to stay in the country, an RNLI lifesaver patrolling the Thames, a Syrian refugee in the UK and an ex-convict saved by art. The pop-up Empathy Museum believes that the act of slipping into someone else’s shoes and spending time “listening” has the “profound effect of connecting people with our shared humanity, and at a time when divisions are especially plentiful, building understanding and empathy.”

Clare Patey, Empathy Museum director, said: “The ‘Walk a Mile in My Shoes’ -project connects participants with people they might never meet in their day-to-day lives. It’s also a reminder not to judge people until you’ve seen things from their perspective.”

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