

PAST AND FUTURE HEROES

Who Is Your Sunderland Hero?

Sunderland has been home to many interesting people from Joseph Swan, inventor of the electric lightbulb to Emeli Sande, musician and singer. Each of these people has shown heroism in their own way. They may have been brave, courageous, adventurous or determined to succeed, even when things were difficult.

In Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens we have a display called Sunderland Heroes where you can learn more about some heroes from the past. In the future you could be one of those heroes. Can you answer the questions below so that when groups visit in 100 years' time, we can tell them about you? You could even make your own hero 'top trumps' card like the ones below.

My name is:

My hero powers are:

Tell us more about you (your hobbies and interests):

What is your favourite breakfast (this is very important because every school group wants to know what Jack Crawford ate for breakfast.)

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This is my self-portrait (drawing or photograph)

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Martini Maccomo

Maccomo worked with lions and tigers and was one of the first black circus entertainers, becoming famous throughout Britain. While performing in Sunderland in a show with Mander's Menagerie, he was badly injured after being attacked by Wallace the Lion. Despite his injuries he returned to his act.

HERO POWERS

Bravery **9**
Creativity **6**
Helping others **5**

Ida and Louise Cook

Under cover of making visits to the Opera in Nazi Germany the sisters would smuggle out valuables past customs, wearing fur coats with substituted British shop labels and pinning real diamond brooches to their hand knitted cardigans. The valuables could then be sold so refugees displaced by the Nazis could start new lives in safer countries.

HERO POWERS

Bravery **9**
Creativity **8**
Helping others **10**



Jack Crawford

Under cannon fire he climbed the mast of the ship HMS Venerable to nail the flag back up during the Battle of Camperdown. He became a national hero and was awarded a medal and a pension from George III.

HERO POWERS

Bravery **10**
Creativity **4**
Helping Others **3**

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Raich Carter

He was captain of Sunderland AFC when they won the FA cup in 1937. During the Second World War he joined the RAF and became a PE instructor. He worked with injured airmen to help them recover from their injuries. As well as football he also played cricket. The Raich Carter Sports Centre is named after him.

HERO POWERS

Bravery **5**
Creativity **6**
Helping Others **7**

George Allan Maling VC

He qualified as a doctor and became the medical officer of the 12th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade during the First World War. On 25 September 1915 he worked under heavy fire for more than 24 hours collecting and treating more than 300 men. One shell stunned him and killed his assistant and several of his patients, but he continued to work on. He was awarded the Victoria Cross and continued to work as a doctor after the War.



HERO POWERS

Bravery **10**
Creativity **8**
Helping others **10**



Margaret Dryburgh

During the Second World War she was a prisoner in a Japanese camp. In the camp she and another prisoner started a choir, getting others to hum to provide an orchestra. She also produced a monthly camp magazine including a children's section and a crossword puzzle to help keep spirits up. Conditions in the camp were harsh and Margaret died just before the end of the war.

HERO POWERS

Bravery **10**
Creativity **9**
Helping others **10**