

**Changing Lives: 200 years of changing lives and protest**  
**Weston Park Museum**  
**Western Bank**  
**Sheffield S10 2TP**

6 February to 1 July  
Open Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm  
Sat 10am – 5pm  
Sun 11am – 4pm

Changing Lives explores three themes of life and protest in Sheffield over the last 200 years. As part of the theme of unity with national and international causes the time spent in Sheffield by 25 Niños Vascos is explored through a poster, press cuttings, books, and a Republican Flag. There are also post cards from the volunteers from Sheffield who went as volunteers to the International Brigades and objects from the World Peace Congress which Pablo Picasso attended in 1950.



*Four generations of the Martinez family, from left to right Simon, Dorothy, Lucy, Rachel and Agnes standing in front of the Civil War poster Los Nacionales 6 February 2018.*

The poster, Republican Flag, and Spain Today belonged to Enrique Martínez Baranda who came with his two brothers Juan Antonio and Tomás on the SS Habana and have been lent to the Museums and Libraries Trust for the exhibition.

The Niños Vascos came to Sheffield in October 1937 having stayed for a short while in Salford. When the colony closed in April 1938 most of the children had returned to Spain. The teacher Sr Cecilia Martin and the remaining children moved to Keighley in West Yorkshire.

The exhibition continues to 1 July. There will be an afternoon of talks on 23 May – the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the arrival at Southampton of the SS Habana – on Aid Spain and the Basque Children.

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