

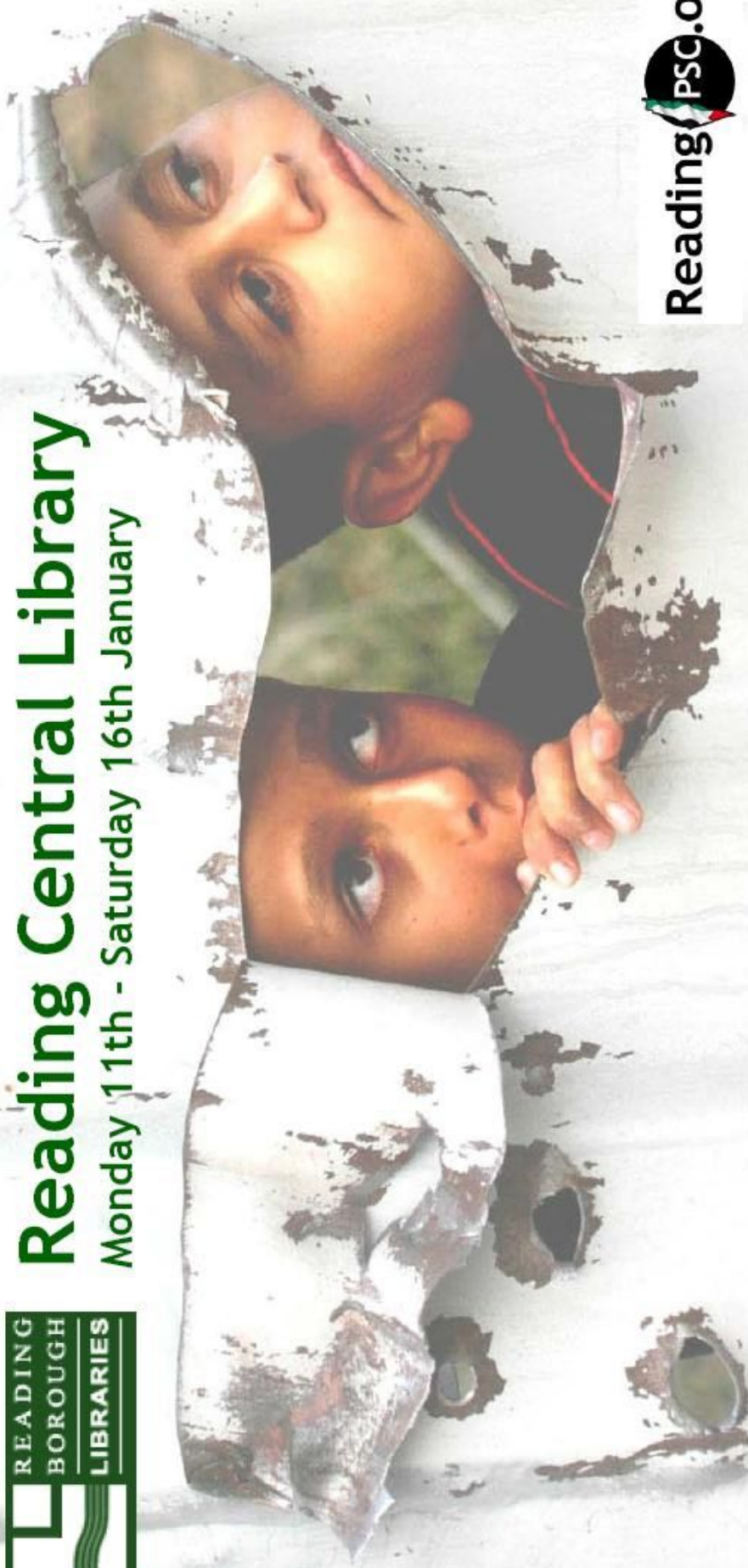
Loss of Innocence : children's artwork from Gaza

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Reading Central Library

Monday 11th - Saturday 16th January



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'Loss of Innocence' Gaza children's artwork is an exhibition of paintings and drawings done by children in Gaza following the 22 day Israeli military operation called 'Operation Cast Lead' in early 2009. The exhibition supported by the UNESCO Gaza office was collated by Rod Cox who went to Gaza in early March 2009 with a British humanitarian aid convoy. He stayed through March and April to work with school children on this project. Younger children, taking part in the psycho-social therapy project, and older children at a Girl's High School were asked to illustrate what they had actually experienced and what they hoped for in the future. The exhibition contains DVD interview footage with two of the young artists, 12 year old children, Mohammed and Ibrahim, who both witnessed the destruction of their own homes. In Mohammed's case he saw his father killed and 5 younger siblings and uncles buried alive under the rubble of their home. The interviews serve to personalise the reality of the experience expressed in their artwork. The launch of this exhibition took place in Liverpool Cathedral in September 2009. The exhibition has now been booked by schools, colleges, conferences and hospitals in the UK where it will continue to do its invaluable work of reaching the hearts and minds of ordinary people. The exhibition will run in Reading Central Library 11th - 16th January. Normal library opening hours.