

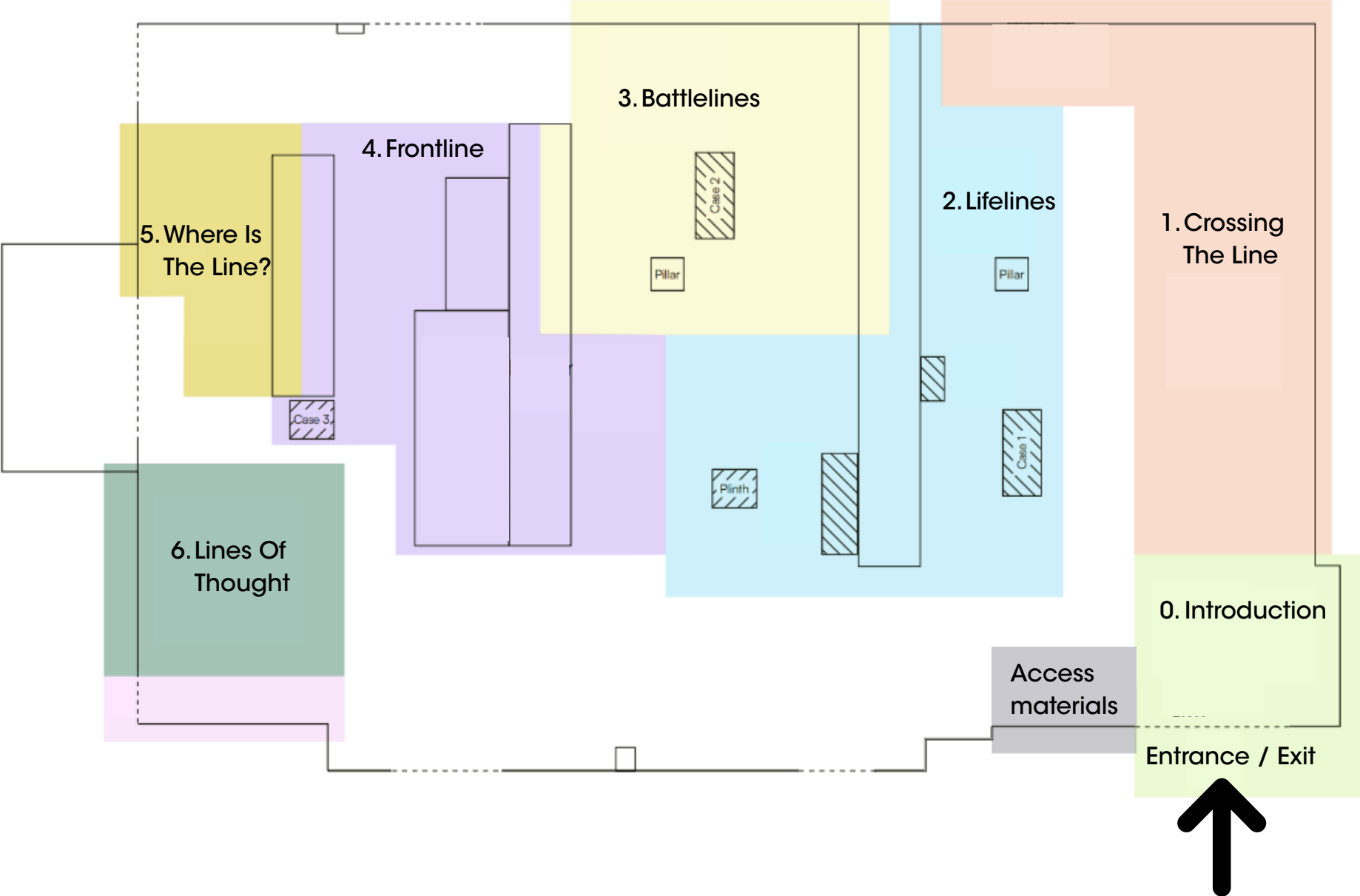
ON THE LINE : 100 years of strikes & solidarity

Exhibition on show until 2 November 2026

Group visit activities

- Exhibition floorplan
1. Match the words to their definitions
 2. The impact of strike action
 3. Object spotlights

Exhibition floorplan



Match the words to their definitions / Pairs or whole group activity for before or during your visit

collective action

equality

living wage

picket line

strike

trade union

The minimum amount a worker needs to be paid so they can afford the cost of living, such as buying food and paying household bills.

When everyone is treated the same; fairly and with respect.

The place in front of a workplace, where workers on strike gather. From here, they tell people why they are striking and encourage others to join them and support their protest.

A type of protest where people refuse to go into work because of unfair or unsafe working conditions.

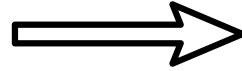
A formalised group of workers who support each other and stand up for their rights.

When people work together to improve the way they or others are treated.

The impact of strike action / Individual or small group activity for during your visit

Find information in each section to answer the questions. You can write or draw your responses.

Section 1: Crossing The Line



Section 2: Lifelines

1. Why do people go on strike?

2. Circle one of your answers above.

3. What impact do you think that issue would have on a person's life?

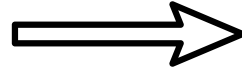
1. Who supports workers when they are on strike?

2. Circle one of your answers.

3. What impact do you think that support would have for a person on strike?

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Section 3: Battlelines



Section 4: Frontline

1. What examples of conflict can you see?

2. Circle one of your answers above.

3. How would a person on strike be impacted by that conflict?

1. What might you find on the picket line?

2. Circle one of your answers.

3. What is the value of this to the person on strike?

Object spotlights / Group activity for during or after your visit



'The Past is Another Country' oil painting
by David Rumsey, 1984-2012.
Location: Lifelines



• What can you see?

This painting depicts key scenes and people from the 1984 to 1985 Miners' Strike. It took 28 years to complete.

- What can it tell us about the impact of the mine closures?

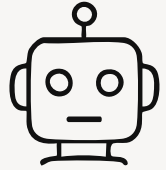
Discuss or draw ideas for a mural that celebrates your local area.

Just like David Rumsey, you might include:

- historical figures
- landmarks
- community contributions
- you!



'Deceptioncon', robot costume, 2023
Location: Frontline



• What can you see?

This costume was worn by a worker from an Amazon warehouse in Coventry in 2023, who was on strike for better working conditions and pay.

- What can we learn from this costume about how the workers felt they were treated?

Discuss or draw ideas for a costume or placard that would draw attention to one of the other protests in this section.

Just like the Amazon workers, you might include:

- a memorable phrase
- humour
- imagery that links to the job