Your Community in the First World

War: A Roadshow

A free and open event with speakers, workshops, stalls and networking opportunities.

The Libeskind Room, Imperial War Museum North, Manchester

10am - 4pm, 8th September 2015

Speakers include:

Martin Purdy Lancaster University

Oli Wilkinson University of Central Lancashire

University of Chester Diverse Narratives of WW1



Lynn Blackburn Out WW1 History. Brierfield Action in the Community

Rebecca Mason Heritage Lottery Fund

Gina Koutsika First World War Centenary Partnership

How did the First World War affect your community? What was life like for those who went away to fight? What happened to those who stayed at home? Did the war change things for women? Industry? Social welfare? What was its global impact and how did colonial troops experience it?

We invite you to explore your community's connection with the First World War and meet others already doing so. This is one of three events, in Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle, that will bring together community groups and organisations who are working on projects around the heritage of the First World War, or who are interested in developing such a project. There will be opportunities to share experiences, explore sources of funding (especially the Heritage Lottery Fund), exchange ideas, and learn about support and resources, including how to showcase findings online.

The roadshow is co-hosted by the five First World War engagement centres funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Each centre represents a network of academic support and has various areas of expertise regarding First World War research. You can access their support when developing you own projects. For further information on these centres see here: <u>http://ww1engage.org.uk</u>

We will also offer an opportunity to learn how to digitise, record and preserve your community's stories and memorabilia. Availability will be based on demand, so if you are interested in taking part in a digitisation workshop, please register for this when booking. You will be asked for brief details of materials you would like to have digitised and how it would benefit you and/or your community group.

Places at these events are free, but limited, so book early to ensure a place. Go to: <u>http://</u> <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/first-world-war-engagement-centres-8220847914</u>. For more information or to book a place on a digitisation workshop after booking an event contact Dr Sam Carroll, Gateways to the First World War. Email <u>S.J.Carroll@kent.ac.uk</u>











