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## Summer holiday and family activities to commemorate the First World War

This summer the world will remember the great sacrifices made one hundred years ago through events and activities to commemorate the beginning of the First World War. Across the UK members of the First World War Centenary Partnership, led by IWM, are organizing a collective programme of events bringing history to the fore for younger generations throughout the Summer holidays.

### July....

**IWM London** will also reopen its doors with brand new First World War Galleries, with a dedicated family trail, First World War art exhibition and redesigned Atrium space with the return of the museum's iconic large objects. In the First World War Galleries children can learn the story of Tirpitz the pig mascot of battle ship HMS Glasgow and Alfie Knight who aged 9 wrote to Kitchener asking to join the army. They will also experience what life lived outdoors would have been like for soldiers in the new recreated trench (19 July).

Continuing the **BBC World War One at Home** live events across the UK the Lives of the First World War team will be heading to Queen Victoria Square in Hull at for the start of the Summer Holiday (19 July), then onto The Sunderland International Airshow (26 – 27 July).

As part of a programme to commemorate the centenary of the First World War **Black Country Living Museum** will be inviting families to get involved in drills, giving demonstrations of 1914 cookery and offering other crafty events for young and old alike. (19th July - 31st August)

**Luna Cinema** the UK's leading outdoor cinema will visit The National Memorial Arboretum in the Midlands for a one-off screening of War Horse (22 July).

Join **Swansea Museum** for a dedicated programme of Summer holiday events including an afternoon of First World War medal making, suitable for children aged 4 – 12 (24 July) and a First World War cartoon workshop (7 August).

Scalby Library, part of **North Yorkshire Libraries**, will present Seaside Stories- 1914-2014, a series of fun family workshops creating a seaside timeline to explore the impact of the First World War on communities locally and how the seaside has changed in 100 years, plus poetry and music. This workshop is for adults accompanied by 8-11 year olds. (19, 24 and 30 July)

*Memories of August 1914* by world renowned street theatre company **Royal De Luxe**, co-commissioned by 1418-NOW and Liverpool City Council will tell the story of the famous Liverpool Pals Battalion through larger than life puppetry. Giants including the Little Girl and her dog Xolo will roam the city for four days (23 – 27 July).

Make a First World War toy and see who wins in a playoff in a one day event at the **Grosvenor Museum in Chester** (31 July).

## **August....**

At **Salford Quays** in Manchester hundreds of amateur singers will perform a specially written piece by acclaimed composer Andy Smith and conducted by renowned Choral Director, Jeff Borradaile. The event will use buildings in MediaCity as a giant screens with projections leading audiences through the experience of war. (2 Aug)

**Hayle Heritage Centre in Cornwall** will be running a dedicated family day from 11 – 4pm (5 Aug), where visitors will learn how to make poppies and war medals.

In **Northern Ireland, Grey Point Fort** will hold a First World War weekend (4 – 5 Aug) with a gun salute to mark the centenary of Britain's entry on the war 4 August.

At **Ebbisham Square in Epsom** meet a Tommy at the First World War living history event (9 Aug), with men and women of the 10<sup>th</sup> Essex Group. Take part in demonstrations and displays including children's activities and cooking in the trenches.

Children will get a chance to communicate like First World War soldiers and officers at **Dudmaston Estate**. Trench Talk will teach families to spell a name using flags or send a secret message to friends using Morse code, telephones and pigeons. (24 Aug)

More family activities to inspire and educate can be found by searching the events calendar on [www.1914.org](http://www.1914.org)

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### **Notes to editors:**

#### **Context to the First World War Centenary Partnership**

IWM established the First World War Centenary Partnership in 2010 to encourage a programme of activities and events to mark the centenary, developed at grass roots levels. The founding ambition for the Partnership was that its members would collectively organise and present a vibrant, diverse and far-reaching programme to reflect how people want to remember, commemorate and debate the conflict in their own communities, in a way that is meaningful for them.

#### **About the First World War Centenary**

2014 - 2018 marks the centenary of the First World War, a landmark anniversary for Britain and the world. IWM will mark the centenary by leading a vibrant, four year programme of cultural activities across the country, including the opening of brand new First World War Galleries at IWM London in 2014. For more information visit [www.1914.org](http://www.1914.org)

### **IWM**

IWM (Imperial War Museums) tells the story of people who have lived, fought and died in conflicts involving Britain and the Commonwealth since the [First World War](#).

Our unique Collections, made up of the everyday and the exceptional, reveal stories of people, places, ideas and events. Using these, we tell vivid personal stories and create powerful physical experiences across our five museums that reflect the realities of war as both a destructive and creative force. We challenge people to look at conflict from different perspectives, enriching their understanding of the causes, course and consequences of war and its impact on people's lives.

IWM's five branches attract over 2 million visitors each year. [IWM London](#), our flagship branch, is transforming with new First World War Galleries and a new atrium with large object displays which will open on 19 July 2014 to mark the Centenary of the First World War. Our other branches are [IWM North](#), housed in an iconic award-winning building designed by Daniel Libeskind; [IWM Duxford](#), a world-renowned aviation museum and Britain's best preserved wartime airfield; [Churchill War Rooms](#), housed in Churchill's secret headquarters below Whitehall; and the Second World War cruiser [HMS Belfast](#).