

Summer Holidays at Imperial War Museums July – August 2016

FREE or *included in the admission price (for IWM Duxford and HMS *Belfast*)

The summer holidays are just around the corner and IWM has everything you need for a fun family day out!

Families can embark on a voyage of discovery, as they learn how to become a member of a ship's crew and play Navy games on board HMS *Belfast*, build a model Second World War aircraft at IWM Duxford, draw their own animations at IWM London's art workshop and make stylish fashion accessories at IWM North.

New Activities on HMS *Belfast*!

NEW [Ship Shape Saturdays: Navy Games](#)
HMS *Belfast**
Saturdays in July; 11am – 4pm

Join us for *Ship Shape Saturdays* and learn how to become a member of the ship's crew. Find out how sailors of all ranks spent their leisure time playing the Royal Navy game of 'Uckers' - similar to Ludo, you'll soon pick up this game which is easy to learn, but harder to master.



NEW [Ship Shape Saturdays: Signals at Sea](#)
HMS *Belfast**
Saturdays in August; 11am – 4pm

Discover how the Royal Navy signal from ship to ship using lights, codes and flags at HMS *Belfast*'s *Ship Shape Saturdays* during August. Experience and test out how top secret messages are sent so that only those who should know actually understand them.



Arts and Craft Activities

[Art Workshop: Make a Moving Animation](#)
IWM London
Daily 25 July – 14 August; 11am – 4pm

Take part in this family art workshop which marks the 100th anniversary of the famous documentary film, *The Battle of the Somme* being released. Learn how to animate your own drawings and create a unique spinning drawing to take home, based on a popular 19th century toy called a Thaumatrope.



*Activity included in the general admission price.

[Build a B-29 Superfortress](#)

IWM Duxford*

Tuesdays and Thursdays in August; 1pm and 3pm

Join us for this creative session and learn about one of the Second World War's most iconic aircraft as you help to build a model Boeing B-29 Superfortress.



[Open Studio: Stubby the Trench Dog](#)

IWM North

Saturdays and Sundays from 2 – 17 July; 2 – 3.30pm

Learn more about the real life First World War dog, Stubby of the Trenches. Handle artefacts from IWM's collections including a First World War soldier's button cleaner and make your own Stubby puppet inspired by the story of this medal-winning dog.

[Open Studio: Blackout Bling](#)

IWM North

Daily 21 – 31 July; 2 – 3.30pm

In this craft session, you can hear about how people coped with the blackout in the Second World War. Handle real artefacts from the museum's collections including an ARP lamp and make your own glow in the dark bracelet, bag charm or key fob inspired by the real luminous badges worn by British civilians of the day.



[Open Studio: Craft sessions](#)

IWM North

Daily 1 – 31 August; 2 – 3.30pm

Join us to learn more about life on the Second World War home front. Be inspired by the creativity and ingenuity of people staying stylish on a shoestring during the Second World War and make your own craft items using a range of colourful materials.

Activities and Experiences

[The Lancaster Experience](#)

IWM Duxford*

Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays; 23 July – 31 August; 11am – 3.30pm

Interpretative Sessions at 11am; 12pm; 1pm

Come along to IWM Duxford and peer inside the legendary Second World War aircraft, the Lancaster bomber, to see what it was really like for the young men who fought and flew as part of a bomber crew.



Hear from a historic interpreter, dressed as a member of Bomber Command, to find out everything from the role of each of the crew members, to what they wore and the equipment and weapons they used. Visitors will also find out about the famous Dambusters Raids and the development of the bouncing bomb.

[Battle of Britain Object Handling Session](#)

IWM Duxford*

Mondays and Fridays from 25 July – 29 August; 12 – 3pm

Discover the story of the Battle of Britain, as you handle fascinating objects from IWM's collections including pilot's clothing and gas masks.

[Storytelling: Evacuation and Blitz](#)

IWM North

Saturdays and Sundays in July; 10.30am

Daily 21 – 31 July; 10.30am

Learn about evacuation and Blitz as genuine and replica artefacts help to tell the true story of two children living through the Second World War.



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Notes to Editors:

- Build a B-29 Superfortress at IWM Duxford is a part of the Partners in Flight project and is supported by Boeing Defence UK Ltd., a subsidiary of the Boeing Company.

Opening Times and Admissions:

- [IWM London](#): Open daily* 10am – 6pm. Free
- [IWM North](#): Open daily* 10am – 5pm. Free
- [IWM Duxford](#): Open daily* Summer 10am – 6pm;
 - Adult £18; Child (5 – 15) £9; Child (under 5) Free; Concession £14.40
 - Family Tickets (depending on size) £30 – 46; Group Rates available
- [HMS Belfast](#): Open daily* Jan – Feb, 10am – 5pm; March – October, 10am – 6pm
 - Adult £16; Child (5 – 15) £8; Child (under 5) Free; Concession £12.80
 - Family Tickets (depending on size), £28 - £42;. Group Rates available
- [Churchill War Rooms](#): Open daily* 9.30am – 6pm.
 - Adult £19; Child (5 – 15) £9.50; Child (under 5) Free; Concession £15.20.
 - Family Tickets (depending on family size), £33 - £49 Group rates available

*All of our branches are closed on 24, 25 and 26 December.

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, marks the Centenary of the First World War with new permanent First World War Galleries and a new Atrium with iconic large object displays. 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](#).

First World War Centenary

2014 - 2018 marks the centenary of the First World War, a landmark anniversary for Britain and the world. IWM is marking the centenary by leading a vibrant, four year programme of cultural activities across the world. 2016 is the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. www.1914.org.

