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Remembrance at IWM

IWM is marking Remembrance in 2017 with a series of commemorative and reflective events, but also a lecture series which will explore the themes and rituals of Remembrance. Visitors can take part in a two minute silence or attend IWM's inaugural Remembrance lectures at IWM London and IWM North, which will address issues ranging from the decision to wear a poppy to the idea of military heroism...

Remembrance Lectures

Am I a Hero?

Sunday 29 October, 3pm

IWM North

£7

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/events/iwm-north/am-i-a-hero-remembrance-lectures-2017>

The panel will discuss the nature of heroism in conflict, how members of the armed forces feel about their actions being referred to as heroic, how this term may affect mental health and how they personally want to be remembered.

The Poppy in 2017: to wear or not to wear?

Saturday 4 November, 3pm

IWM London

£7

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/events/iwm-london/the-poppy-in-2017-to-wear-or-not-to-wear-remembrance-lectures-2017>

The panel will explore what it means to wear a poppy, what is behind recent controversies around wearing or not wearing the symbol and how the politics of the poppy have evolved.

Armistice Ceremonies

Saturday 11 November and Sunday 12 November, 11am

IWM London, IWM North and IWM Duxford

Free of charge

At **IWM London**, a Ceremony of Remembrance will take place on Saturday 11 November and Sunday 12 November in the Atrium. This will commence with The Last Post, played at 11am, followed by a two-minute silence. A violin recital will then take place, played on a violin made from sycamore and pine trees that grew in the former battlefields on the Western Front.

Visitors to **IWM North** can join a two-minute silence at 11am on Saturday 11 November and Remembrance Sunday on 12 November. The silence will then be followed by a themed Big Picture Show film in the Main Exhibition Space.

At 11am on Sunday 12 November, a two-minute silence will be observed across **IWM Duxford**, starting and ending with a whistle blast in remembrance of the signal to go 'over the top' in the trenches during the First World War.

Please note that on Remembrance Sunday 12 November, **HMS Belfast** will open at the later time of 11.30am due to the annual Remembrance service.

IWM Duxford Commemorative Activities

IWM Duxford is also hosting a day of commemorative activities on 12 November to honour those who fought and lost their lives in conflict. On Remembrance Sunday, admission to IWM Duxford is free to all visitors.

At 12.45pm, RAF Cadets and Standard Bearers will lead a march from the hangar base in the middle of the museum site and will proceed to the Conservation Hall in AirSpace in preparation for a traditional Service of Remembrance at 1pm.

Following the Service of Remembrance, a historic de Havilland Dragon Rapide aircraft will fly along the airfield, starting at the AirSpace exhibition building and scatter poppy petals in a poignant tribute to the men and women who served at RAF Duxford.

Lives of the First World War

Online resource

<https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/>

Those wishing to find out more about Remembrance can also explore [Lives of the First World War](https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/), which is IWM's permanent digital memorial to those who contributed to the British war effort during the First World War.

Join by remembering your relative, someone from your local area, or someone listed on your local war memorial. Members of the public are free to upload a photograph, letter or family anecdote, link official records and share their stories.

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Notes to editors

IWM London

IWM London tells the stories of those whose lives have been shaped by war through the depth, breadth and impact of our Galleries, displays and events. Explore the [First World War Galleries](#) and iconic Atrium; find out what life was like at home during the Second World War in [A Family in Wartime](#); delve into the world of espionage in [Secret War](#); visit our [Holocaust Exhibition](#); discover stories of bravery in [The Lord Ashcroft Gallery: Extraordinary Heroes](#) or take in our latest major temporary exhibitions.

Open Daily: 10am – 6pm. Last entry 30 minutes before closing. (Closed 24 - 26 December). Free Admission
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IWM North

The multi award winning IWM North brings the national collection to northern audiences. Designed by world-renowned architect Daniel Libeskind to represent a globe shattered by conflict, the iconic building, innovative and dynamic exhibitions, use of digital media through hourly Big Picture Shows and public events explore how war shapes lives and inspires and encourages debate.

Open Daily: 10am – 5pm. Last entry 30 minutes before closing. (Closed 24 – 26 December). Free Admission.

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IWM Duxford

IWM Duxford is Britain's best-preserved Second World War airfield, with a fascinating history that dates back to the First World War. Historic aircraft can regularly be seen taking to the skies from Duxford's wartime airfield. Duxford has been a witness to world-changing events over the past 100 years where ordinary people have had extraordinary experiences. Exploring state of the art exhibition halls and historic buildings, visitors walk in the footsteps of the men and women who served at RAF Duxford. Through the powerful stories of the men and women involved and the rich displays of aircraft we tell the story of the impact of aviation on the nature of war and on people's lives.

Open Daily: Last entry an hour before closing. (Closed 24 – 26 December).

Winter Hours: 10am – 5pm (23 October 2017 to 10 March 2018) – please note, from 4-5pm only AirSpace and the Visitor Centre will be open. All other hangars will close from 4pm.

Summer Hours: 10am – 6pm (11 March to 22 October 2018).

Admission: £17.25 Adults; £13.80 Concessions (Senior, Student, Disabled Adult); £8.60 Child (5-16); Free Child (under 5); Family tickets available; Special rates for groups of ten plus. Free for members.

From January 2018, a 10% discount will be offered for advanced tickets booked online.

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HMS Belfast

HMS *Belfast* is the most significant surviving Second World War Royal Navy warship, with a history that extends to the Arctic Convoys, D-Day, the Cold War, Korea and beyond. Moored on the River Thames between London Bridge and Tower Bridge, HMS *Belfast* tells the story of life on board and explores how war affects and impacts on the morale, resilience and determination of a ship's community. We take visitors on a journey through the ship's nine decks and show them what life was like for the 950 strong company, through the real life stories of the people who served on her.

Open Daily: Last entry an hour before closing. (Closed 24 – 26 December)

Winter Hours: 10am – 5pm (1 November 2017 – 28 February 2018).

Summer Hours: 10am – 6pm (1 March – 31 October 2018).

Admission: £15.45 Adults; £12.35 Concessions (Senior, Student, Disabled); £7.70 Child (5-16); Free Child (under 5); Family tickets available; Special rates for groups of ten plus. Free for members.

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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 which attract over 2 million visitors each year are **IWM London**, IWM's flagship branch that recently transformed with new, permanent and free First World War Galleries alongside new displays across the iconic Atrium to mark the Centenary of the First World War; **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**.

IWM Centenary

2017 marks Imperial War Museums (IWM) centenary. IWM was established while the First World War was still being fought. Since its establishment people have entrusted IWM with their stories of war from 1917 to the present day, in the knowledge it will continue to share these stories with future generations. IWM will commemorate its 100 years through a centenary of stories from its rich collections across its five branches (IWM London, IWM North, IWM Duxford, Churchill War Rooms and HMS *Belfast*).



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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. For more information visit www.1914.org

