

# 100 YEARS

# IWM London announces Age of Terror season of events

Do we live in an age of terror? IWM London's new season of events questions the changing nature of personal, national and international security since 9/11.

Accompanying the major autumn exhibition <u>Age of Terror: Art since 9/11</u> (26 October 2017 – 28 May 2018), IWM London will present a season of events and performances that will explore the changing nature of personal, national and international security since the catastrophic events of 9/11.

Through conversations with specialists and eyewitnesses, immersive experiences and investigative performance experiments, the season will address issues relating to security and behaviours in times of uncertainty.

# Conflict Café: Do we live in an age of terror? Conversations with experts and eyewitnesses

IWM London, Saturday 28 October 2017 and Saturday 12 May 2018 11am – 5pm, drop-in, free

Launching the Age of Terror season, join experts and eyewitnesses in conversations about terrorism and security in the UK. Put your questions on safety, perception and what the threat of terror means for us today to those with specialist knowledge of security, social and community work, healthcare, government, architecture, academia and the arts.

Speakers will include: Professor Andrew Hoskins, Media Sociologist at the University of Glasgow; Owen Jones, Head of Education at HOPE Not Hate; Andrew Keefe, Director of Clinic at WPF Therapy, Psychodynamic Psychotherapist & EMDR therapist; Harun Khan, Secretary General of The Muslim Council of Britain; Alex Krasodomski-Jones, Researcher at the Centre for the Analysis of Social Media at Demos; as well as other professionals and eye witnesses who have experienced or work with the consequences of terrorism.

This is an IWM event and separate to the International Alert annual Conflict Café series.

# **IWM PRESENTS...**

IWM London, 26 October 2017 – 28 May 2018 10am – 6pm, drop-in, free

Changing throughout the Age of Terror season, <u>IWM PRESENTS...</u> will host creative responses to, and reflections on, topics explored in <u>Age of Terror: Art since 9/11</u>, from the ethical and personal dimensions of modern warfare to the use of technology and drones. Between 26 October 2017 and 7 January 2018, visitors can watch film screenings from <u>IWM's Short Film Festival</u> that explore themes of security and terror. In the New Year, visitors are invited to participate in a live intervention by an artist, invited to respond to the question: do we live in an age of terror?

### **Performance: The Network**

IWM London, March 2018 Evening events, ticketed\*

We are all numbers on a network. Through our phones, tablets, and laptops, internet connection is tracked and recorded, but how many of us truly understand cyber threats and hacking? Take part in a unique

interactive performance that interrogates cyber warfare and find out if WWIII could start on the www.

At all the out-of-hours events based at IWM London, visitors will have the chance to explore our major exhibition <u>Age of Terror: Art since 9/11</u>. Featuring 50 works of art including film, sculpture, painting, installations, photography and prints, many of which will be exhibited publicly in the UK for the first time, <u>Age of Terror: Art since 9/11</u> will present IWM's largest contemporary visual art exhibition to date. Staged in IWM's centenary year, the exhibition will consider artists' responses to war and conflict since the terrorist attacks on 11 September 2001 and will feature more than 40 British and international contemporary artists, including Ai Weiwei, Grayson Perry, Gerhard Richter, Jenny Holzer, Mona Hatoum, Alfredo Jaar, Coco Fusco and Jake & Dinos Chapman.

#### **Ends**

\* Further information regarding event dates, times and ticket prices will be announced in due course.

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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 <u>First World War Galleries</u> and iconic Atrium; find out what life was like at home during the Second World War in <u>A Family in Wartime</u>; delve into the world of espionage in <u>Secret War</u>; visit our award-winning <u>Holocaust Exhibition</u>; discover stories of bravery in <u>The Lord Ashcroft Gallery: Extraordinary Heroes</u> or take in our latest major temporary exhibitions.

Open Daily: 10am – 6pm. Last entry 30 minutes before closing. (Closed 24 - 26 December). Free Admission IWM London, Lambeth Road, London, SE1 6HZ.

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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 <a href="https://www.1914.org">www.1914.org</a>.

