



**Immediate Release**

## **Imperial War Museums Remember 2016**

To mark this year's weekend of Remembrance from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 November, visitors to IWM Duxford, IWM North and IWM London can take part in free family activities, attend poignant ceremonies and discover their First World War connections in a series of free events to remember those who lost their lives in conflict.

### **Armistice Ceremonies**

#### **Friday 11 November and Sunday 13 November**

At **IWM London** a Ceremony of Remembrance will take place on Friday 11 November and Sunday 13 November in the museum's atrium commencing with *The Last Post*, played at 11am, followed by a two-minute silence. A violin recital will 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 Friday 11 November and Remembrance Sunday on 13 November. The silence will then be followed by a themed Big Picture Show film in the Main Exhibition Space focusing on the different elements of Remembrance, from the First World War to Iraq.

Visitors to **IWM Duxford** on Remembrance Sunday (13 November only) will be granted free entry to the historic airfield to remember members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives in active service. At 11am, a two-minute silence will be observed across IWM Duxford, starting and finishing with a museum-wide whistle blast, in remembrance of the signal to go 'over the top' in the trenches of the First World War. The two-minute silence will be followed by a Service of Remembrance at 1pm. Visitors can explore the memorial trail around the historic site and step inside IWM Duxford's replica memorial church. There will also be the opportunity to make poppies and watch a Dragon Rapide take to the skies to release poppy petals in a poignant tribute to the men and women who served at RAF Duxford.

Please note that on Remembrance, Sunday 13 November, **HMS Belfast** will open at the later time of 10.20am where the annual Remembrance service will be taking place from 10.20am – 11.15am.

## **The Battle of the Somme**

### **The Battle of the Somme screening at Royal Festival Hall**

#### **Friday 18 November, 7:30pm**

To mark the centenary of the end of the Battle of the Somme, Imperial War Museums (IWM) and Somme100 FILM will present this extraordinary and moving UNESCO-listed historical film, accompanied live by the BBC Concert Orchestra playing contemporary composer Laura Rossi's acclaimed score.

*The Battle of the Somme*, 1916, remains one of the most successful British films ever made: almost half the population of the UK at the time of the First World War watched the film, hoping to catch a glimpse of a friend or a loved one.

The screening will be preceded by a talk by IWM's Senior Curator Dr Toby Haggith and composer Laura Rossi. Tickets are £30, £22.50 or £15 and can be booked via the South Bank Centre's website:

<http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whatson/the-battle-of-the-somme-98032>

Please note this film has a Parental Guidance (PG) rating.

### **Somme100 – free Monthly Talk Series**

Monday 28 November, 3.15pm

Charlotte Czyzyk, IWM's Lives of the First World War Coordinator, will deliver the last in her series of free monthly talks at **IWM North** to commemorate the Battle of the Somme. Marking the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, the talk will detail real life stories of famous names of those who served during this landmark battle.

## **Events for Families – FREE**

### **IWM Duxford**

#### **Make a poppy**

Sunday 13 November, 10.30am-2.30pm

### **IWM Duxford**

#### **DAS Aircraft** open and free of charge

Sunday 13 November, 11am-3pm

### **IWM Duxford**

#### **Poppy drop** by Dragon Rapide

Sunday 13 November, approx. 2pm

## **Events for Adults – FREE**

### **Peace Lecture: Humanity in the midst of War**

#### **IWM London**

Sunday 13 November, 3pm

Organised by the Movement for the Abolition of War and hosted by IWM London, this is a free talk by Vickie Hawkins, General Director of Médecins Sans Frontières, on displays of humanity in the midst of warfare.

## **Let's Remember Together**

### **The People Remember**

Monday 7 November – Friday 11 November, 9:15-10:00am

The annual BBC One series comes to IWM London in the days leading up to Remembrance Sunday to honour the heroes of war on the battlefield and the home front. Presented by Sophie Rayworth and former Royal Marine JJ Chalmers, it features five episodes across five days, airing from the 7 November and culminating on the 11 November, from 9:15-10:00am. Each episode is based at IWM London and features a variety of exclusive behind the scenes insights and interviews with IWM historians alongside explorations of the vast collections held on display at the museum.

### **Lives of the First World War**

Those wishing to mark Remembrance can also visit [Lives of the First World War](#) IWM's permanent digital memorial to the millions of people 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. Upload a photograph, letter or family anecdote, link official records and share their stories with family and friends. #remember #LivesofWW1

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## Notes to Editors:

### IWM London

Open daily: 10am – 6pm. Last Admission 5.45pm  
Free Admission  
IWM London, Lambeth Road, London, SE1 6HZ

### IWM Duxford

Open daily: 10am – 4pm. Last Admission 3pm.  
IWM Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR  
Prices\* (until 1 January 2015) Adult: £17.50; Child (under 16): Free; Concessions: £14  
\*Free Admission to all visitors- Sunday 9 November, 2015 only.  
Visit IWM Duxford for FREE on Remembrance Sunday.

### IWM North

Open daily: Last Admission XX10am - 5pm.  
Free Admission  
The Quays, Trafford Wharf Road, Manchester, M17 1TZ  
(close to MediaCityUK Metrolink and Junction 9 of the M60)

## 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 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)

