Living Legacies 1914-18 Critical Commemorations & Community Engagement

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FROM PAST CONFLICT TO SHARED FUTURE

The Living Legacies 1914-18 Engagement Centre is a focal point for connecting academic and community researchers interested in how the First World War lives on in the twenty-first century world.



www.livinglegacies1914-18.ac.uk







Objectives of Living Legacies Engagement Centre:

- 1. Explore, interpret and record the 'living legacies' of the First World War.
- 2. Help communities across the UK to:
 - tell their stories and share these stories with others;
 - rediscover the forgotten First World War heritage in our landscapes;
 - find out why and where people moved as a result of the war;
 - express stories about the conflict through drama and theatre.
- 3. Connect diverse stories and experiences, through collaborative research, to build a better, shared understanding of the living legacies of the First World War and beyond.

Phase 1: WW1 and You!

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Libraries NI and Living Legacies 1914-18 present

WW1 AND YOU Objects and Memories

Libraries NI and Living Legacies 1914-18 invite you to explore your WW1 ancestors, to record and preserve their stories and memorabilia for the future. Bring your WW1 objects and artefacts (photographs, letters, diaries etc.) to Armagh Irish and Local Studies Library on

Wednesday 13 May 1:00pm – 4:30pm

Scanning and recording of memorabilia and stories throughout the afternoon 1:00pm - 1:30pm

Introduction to Living Legacies and WW1 heritage with Dr Johanne Devlin Trew, UU

1:00pm - 2:15pm

Exploring WW1 at the Ulster Museum with William Blair, Head of History, NMNI

2:15pm - 3:00pm

Exploring WW1 through Drama with Dr Brenda Winter-Palmer, Queen's University Belfast

3:00pm - 3:30pm Tea and coffee

3:30pm - 4:15pm

Exploring WW1 in the Local Community: Armagh Heroes by Joe Centre chaired by Dr Johanne Devlin Trew, UU

4:15pm - 4:30pm Closing remarks

The 'Living Legacies 1914 - 18' Engagement Centre is a focal point for connecting academic and community researchers interested in how the First World War lives on in the twenty-first century world. Discover how the centre connects research through each of its live theres. To learn more http://www.livinglegacles1914-18.ac.uk/

Ask staff for details

t: 028 3752 7851 e: armaghirishandlocal@librariesni.org.uk











 Digitisation road show events around Northern Ireland, 2014-2015







Robert James Crawford, killed in action





Donor: Sarah Cathers, great-niece, Beragh, Co. Tyrone



GOD SAVE THE KING



UVF German-made rifle issued to John Clements; Donor: William Fyffe, Omagh, grandson

Pte Adam Stewart, 10th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers from Derry





Donor: Garry Ming, Derry, grand nephew

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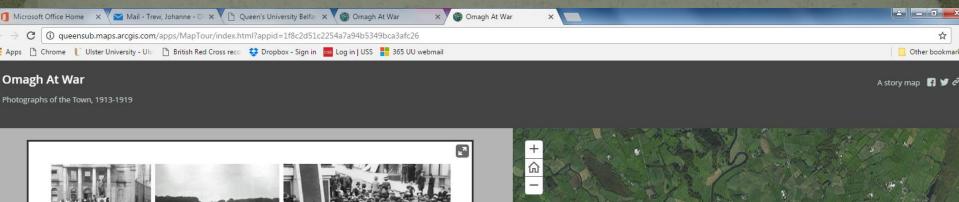
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For O. I/c Infantry Records, Dublin, Officer in charge of Records.













VC calls for more men













































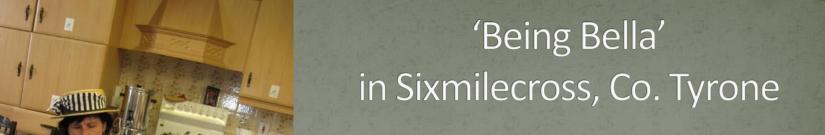




Uncovering other stories in the community

6-week Live & Learn (National Museums) programme , April-June 2015 with the WF Marshall club in Sixmilecross, Co. Tyrone





Bella waiting at train station in Birmingham on her way home on leave with colleague Nurse Mildred MacLaverty to see her off and Col. McClintock, a fellow traveller

Medals All Round Initiative



- create a model for interaction with community groups at the grassroots level
- to assist these community groups in exploring their heritage in relation to WW1, reflecting a broad range of diversity, including Protestant and Catholic communities, a Special Needs group, Prisoners/Ex-Offenders and groups from localities defined as areas of social need
- provide support and advice on using research and theatre skills to allow members of the community to tell their own stories
- leave a crucial legacy—when the project is over, multiple community groups will have gained the knowledge and skills to direct their energies to the representation of communal narratives (about WW1 and beyond).





Medals All Round: Tyrone drama group dress rehearsal 25 Feb. 2016









The Great War in Memory, Writing and Drama

Fermanagh and Omagh Writers

Ulster American Folk Park, 15 October 2016

(in collaboration with the Cavan 1916 Committee)



Special commemorative issue of Corncrake Magazine, launched November 2016



Phase 2: Critical Commemorations

- Team: Johanne Devlin Trew (SCPSP) & Elizabeth Crooke (Heritage Studies) Ulster; Kurt Taroff, QUB (drama)
- Community engagement projects with: North West Migrant Forum, Embrace NI, NICEM, Youth Action, SOFT (Supporting Our Families Together) Initiative (Speedwell Trust), Treasure House (NMNI, Big Lottery); Recovery Colleges for mental health, and Tyneside Women's Health

Coiste na nLarchímí

(Republican ex-prisoners)

Making Memory & Legacy

(launch 26 September 2016)







Irish Republican Prison Crafts; making memory and legacy.

We would like you to join us at the launch of this oral history project designed to collect stories from republican ex prisoners and families in West Belfast on the heritage of making and receiving prison crafts.

Introduction and background to project

A family story:

Making crafts

The importance of objects in personal narratives and heritage:

Q&A

Followed by buffet

Date Monday September 26th 2016

Time 11am to 12.30pm

Venue Conway Mill (Atrium)

Confirm your attendance by contacting Paddy at Coiste na nlarchimi

Tel. 02890 200770 or e mail paddy@coiste.com



Phase 2: Commemorating Irish Everyday Lives: Intergenerational workshop grant (AHRC) (Autumn 2017-Autumn 2018)

- establish how national programmes of commemoration both British and Irish – impact on the way and extent to which different generations of Irish and Irish diaspora families engage with or feel excluded from the process of commemoration
- Universities: Hertfordshire, Teesside, Ulster and Queen's
- Irish Network Stevenage
- Luton Irish Forum
- Birmingham Irish Heritage Group
- Irish community at Teesside

Phase 2: Migrant Perspectives on World War One: Collective Memories of a Global Conflict / Philip McDermott (Ulster U)

- Forum, NICEM, Chinese Welfare
 Association, Islamic Association, Active
 Citizens Engaged
- Many migrants also have views and opinions on the centenary in Northern Ireland which have not been prominent within the public debates. Aims to broaden the scope of the discussions on collective memory and the lasting global legacy of WWI, which is felt by everyone residing in Northern Ireland today not just the host population.

