

Remember Together 2018

In 2018, Big Ideas is leading First World War commemoration programmes, funded by the Ministries of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Big Ideas invites community groups across the country to join them in discovering and commemorating diverse stories from the First World War. Groups can access high-quality, free resources, project activities and advice from the Big Ideas team for each project. Groups can also apply for small-scale funding for their activities (up to £200 per group). Alongside this, there are a range of opportunities to engage with events and initiatives across the year.

The Unremembered: World War One's Army of Workers

The Unremembered project continues into 2018, commemorating the Labour Corps from across the world who served in the First World War. Many died, but their contributions are forgotten today. In 2018, The Unremembered will focus on the Commonwealth story with resources including British, East African, West African, Indian, South African and Caribbean heritage. Groups can access a new 2018 resource pack with activity ideas to discover and commemorate each different Labour Corps. This project highlights the diversity of the First World War. Groups can create wreaths, visit Labour Corps graves, write poetry and letters, create murals, perform music, research local history and much more.

Email: theunremembered@big-ideas.org or discover more at: theunremembered.org

Trailblazers: World War One's Inspirational Women

This schools-focused project has a free resource pack with case studies on inspirational women from the First World War period, their achievements and how they were changemakers of their time. Schools are challenged to learn about these women and identify contemporary inspirational women today. This is a citizenship-focused project, encouraging students to use their knowledge of First World War women to plan activities within their own local community, including presenting their research in assemblies within their school or (secondary schools only) to feeder primary schools. Schools will be invited to an empowering development workshop on WW1 women and inspirational women of today to create a legacy resource.

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Tull100

Tull100 celebrates and commemorates the life of Walter Tull - a British footballer of mixed heritage who served in the First World War and was commissioned as an Officer, even though the Military Law stated that only men of 'pure European descent' could hold Officer rank. He became the first non-white Officer in the regular British Army. Tull endures as a striking role model: throughout his life he faced enormous adversity, but was widely respected for his resolve and dignity. In 1917, Tull was recommended for a medal which was never awarded. He died in action in 1918. Tull100 invites schools and community groups to earn medals for Walter Tull today by taking action to make their community more inclusive.

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Remember RAF 100

This project celebrates the formation of the RAF 100 years ago (on 1 April 1918) as well as commemorating the many RAF personnel who lost their lives during the First World War. With free informative resources, and a database showing the locations of over 4000 RAF personnel who died during the First World War and are buried or commemorated in the UK, this project invites groups to discover local RAF history and to commemorate First World War service personnel in 2018. RAF100 also has a special, free primary school pack designed for KS1/KS2 (or equivalent), telling the story of the RAF over the last 100 years. Schools can access the pack, containing historical information on the RAF (in particular its role in WW1), model aeroplane kits, colouring activities and simple STEM exercises alongside information on the RAF engineers.

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