

# Everyday Lives in War:

## experience and memory of the First World War

The University of Hertfordshire, in collaboration with the Universities of Essex, Northampton, Exeter, Lincoln and Central Lancashire, hosts one of 5 First World War Engagement Centres funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council. The Centre aims to connect and encourage academic and community research on the First World War as part of the Centenary.

How did war affect daily life between 1914 and 1918? What was the legacy of the conflict? The *Everyday Lives in War* Centre helps communities to research questions such as these. It has particular expertise in:

- First World War food and farming
- Theatre and entertainment
- Conscientious objection and military tribunals
- Supernatural beliefs
- Childhood
- Family relationships
- Cartoons, trench publications and popular culture



The Centre runs a programme of open events, free workshops and online resources related to our themes. We liaise with the Heritage Lottery Fund to support HLF-funded projects, and also welcome enquiries and ideas from individuals or groups with no HLF connections.

Depending on the topic, *Everyday Lives in War* will either be able to point people in the right direction to follow their interests, or may suggest ways of working together. We are curious about stories of everyday life and particularly interested in exploring comparative perspectives through which communities across the UK can research and share diverse First World War histories and legacies. Please do let us know what you are working on. We are currently looking for effective ways of broadening our reach across the UK by making new connections, partnerships or collaborations with groups and individuals from all walks of life.

For more details, visit <http://everydaylivesinwar.herts.ac.uk/> or contact us at [firstworldwar@herts.ac.uk](mailto:firstworldwar@herts.ac.uk)

Details of the Heritage Lottery Fund's £6 million community grants scheme 'First World War: then and now' can be found at <http://www.hlf.org.uk>

## The other First World War Engagement Centres are:

### Voices of War and Peace

<http://www.voicesofwarandpeace.org>

**Lead University:** University of Birmingham

**Research themes:** Gender and the Home Front; religion and belief; childhood; the city at war and commemoration.

### Gateways to the First World War

<http://www.gatewaysfww.org.uk>

**Lead University:** University of Kent

**Research themes:** Memorials, commemoration and memory; life on the Home and Fighting Fronts; the medical history of the First World War; wartime propaganda and popular culture; maritime and naval history; operational and military history.

### Living Legacies 1914-18

<http://www.livinglegacies1914-18.ac.uk>

**Lead University:** Queen's University Belfast

**Research themes:** Forgotten First World War heritage in our landscapes; migration; ways of expressing stories about the conflict through drama and theatre.

### Centre for Hidden Histories

<http://www.hiddenhistorieswwi.ac.uk>

**Lead University:** University of Nottingham

**Research themes:** Migration and displacement; the experience of 'others', from countries and regions within Europe, Asia and the Commonwealth; impact and subsequent legacies of the war on diverse communities within Britain; remembrance and commemoration; identity and faith.

