



## **Conscientious Objection Remembered with National Lottery grant**

Catherine West, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, and the Mayor of Haringey, Cllr Stephen Mann, will congratulate members of Haringey First World War Peace Forum on winning a National Lottery grant for their work commemorating the Conscientious Objectors, known as 'COs', of Haringey. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) award of £9,900 is for their project 'Conscientious Objection Remembered' which will include a programme of activities and events from February 2017 to May 2019 and the installation of a commemorative plaque outside the Salisbury public house in Green Lanes, Harringay.

### **Who were the Haringey COs?**

Amongst the 350 men, more than anywhere else in the UK, there were no less than 23 sets of brothers. COs were Socialists, Quakers, Christadelphians, Plymouth Brethren, Jews, Methodists, Catholics and others who professed no religion. They were from Palmers Green to Stroud Green and from Highgate to Tottenham. Typical of Haringey some were locally born and some came from around the country to live and work in London. COs also included men from Ireland, Germany and Eastern Europe. The youngest was 17 and the oldest was 43. They were clerks, professional men, students, printers, post office workers, transport workers, teachers, butchers, piano workers, shop workers, engineers, carpenters and joiners. In fact from all walks of life.

### **Bringing the story to life**

With the help of a professional sculptor and collaborating with Haringey charity Generation Exchange as well as local historians, archivists and teachers, people of all ages will be able to find out about Haringey's COs, gathering and recording information, photographs and documents, engaging with an interactive sculpture in Bruce Castle, taking part in workshops, joining walks and making posters. Perhaps they will even find the names of their own family members amongst those who made a



stand against war between 1914 and 1918. When the plaque is installed on Green Lanes at the end of the project there will be a permanent commemoration for these men and their principles.

Mayor Stephen Mann welcomes the project: 'We are so pleased that Haringey First World War Peace Forum has been awarded a National Lottery grant to build on the innovative research done in discovering the 350 men who became COs, often at great cost and hardship to themselves and their families – a newly-discovered part of Haringey's heritage.'

Stuart Hopley, Head of HLF London, said: "The impact of the First World War was far reaching, touching and shaping every corner of the UK and beyond. The Heritage Lottery Fund has already invested more than £90million to more than 1,800 projects – large and small - that are marking this global Centenary; with our small grants programme, we are enabling even more communities like those involved in 'Conscientious Objection Remembered' to explore the continuing legacy of this conflict and help local young people in particular to broaden their understanding of how it has shaped our modern world."

### **Photos of announcement**

**Catherine West and Stephen Mann will be present for photographs at the official announcement of the award at 10.30 on Friday 1 December outside the Salisbury Hotel on Green Lanes (the spot where anti-war protests took place 100 years ago). David Lammy MP sent his apologies because he will be away.**

### **Notes to editors**

#### **About Haringey First World War Peace Forum**

We are a group of local people who, for the last four years, have been researching the lives of men who resisted conscription in various ways during the First World War in what is now the London Borough of Haringey. Our aim is to share the fascinating and often hidden story of conscientious objectors. We are now at a point where we



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would like to share what we have found with as many people as possible across the borough.

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### **About the Heritage Lottery Fund**

- Thanks to National Lottery players, we invest money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife. [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk). Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and use #NationalLottery and #HLFsupported.
- To date, £90million in HLF grants has been awarded to projects across the UK so they can mark the Centenary and explore all aspects of First World War heritage that matters to them. Through its First World War: then and now programme, HLF is making at least £1million available per year for six years until 2019. It is providing grants between £3,000 and £10,000 enabling communities and groups right across the UK to explore, conserve and share their First World War heritage and deepen their understanding of the impact of the conflict. To find out how to apply for funding visit [www.hlf.org.uk/thenandnow](http://www.hlf.org.uk/thenandnow) If a group needs a grant of more than £10,000 for a First World War project, it can apply to HLF through its open programmes [www.hlf.org.uk/firstworldwar](http://www.hlf.org.uk/firstworldwar)
- To join the conversation on social media please use #understandingww1

### **Further information**

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