

REPORT OF THE LEADER**FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS 2014-2018
COMMUNITY FUND****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commit up to £10,000 per annum to fund community events being planned and delivered during the 2014-2018 World War One commemorations.

Information and Advice

2. To mark the centenary of World War One, the Imperial War Museum will launch a national commemoration on 4th August 2014 with a further series of dates being announced to mark local and national commemorations.
3. 10,000 men from Nottinghamshire died during World War One from 1914-18. The war marked some of the most significant changes to the fabric of our society and local economy. To mark the centenary of the Great War, Nottinghamshire County Council is keen to encourage and support community activities that commemorate the centenary of the First World War by establishing a Community Commemoration Fund.
4. The fund will provide an opportunity to local communities to apply for a grant of up to £300 to help them reflect on what the war meant for their local area and how the lives of people were changed forever.
5. The Community Commemoration Fund will offer financial support to local groups to bring the history of the Great War to life. Activities eligible for funding will include:
 - Theatre - use an existing script or write a new play and perform it to explain how the Great War changed the lives of local people
 - Educational visits to a UK based exhibition, museum or memorial
 - Film shows – screen a period film or newsreel at a local venue
 - Re-enactments – bring history to life with an event involving local people as performers
 - Painting and drawing – use art to illustrate the Great War and organise a local exhibition
 - War memorial research and restoration – remember those that did not return from the frontline by making sure their name is recorded on your local war memorial

- Moments in time – log and record local people remembering the Great War, helping to connect generations and share childhood memories
- Musical concerts – bring to life the music of the time with a concert
- Legacy projects – ensure that a local landmark or event is recorded and highlighted for future generations
- Local exhibitions – hire a community hall or library to share a display about how your community was affected by the war
- Talks and demonstrations – bring to life the changes brought about by the War and what it meant for those who went to war and those who stayed at home
- Poetry and writing to express local life to create an exhibition.

6. Activities will be encouraged to be:

- Registered with Trent to Trenches, the national First World War Centenary Partnership, led by the Imperial War Museums.
- Respectful and will have remembrance at the heart of the activity
- Educational to help tell the history of Nottinghamshire and local communities during the Great War
- Used to bring generations together
- Not held to primarily raise money
- Able to highlight the social and economic change of the day
- About bringing people together and does not use images or language that could cause undue distress or offence.

Other Options Considered

7. No other options have been considered as this is a unique initiative which will support Nottinghamshire communities to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

Reasons for Recommendations

8. Approval of a 'WW1 Community Fund' would provide ample planning time and support community organisations and groups across the county to plan appropriate commemorative projects.

9. The County Council would be seen as encouraging community involvement in line with the National commemorations promoted by the Imperial War Museum.

Financial Implications

10. The current grant aid budget will be used to fund this project.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that the County Council contributes to a fitting commemoration by establishing a World War One Community Fund of £10,000 per year to run from 2014 to 2018.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 25/04/14)

16 The Policy Committee has the authority to approve the recommendations set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SEM 25/04/14)

17 The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All