

Funding available for local projects to remember the Great War



2014 sees the centenary of the start of the First World War.

More than £50 million has been allocated for a "historic" commemoration of the centenary of the start of World War I, Prime Minister David Cameron has announced.

Speaking at the Imperial War Museum, the Prime Minister said he wanted a truly national commemoration. He also announced an advisory board, which includes Culture Secretary Maria Miller, to oversee the events.

He went on to say: "A truly national commemoration cannot just be about national initiatives and Government action. It needs to be local too. The Heritage Lottery Fund is today announcing an additional £6 million to enable young people working in their communities to conserve, explore and share local heritage of the First World War. This is in addition to the £9 million they have already given to projects marking the centenary – including community heritage projects. And they are calling for more applications. Let's get out there and make this centenary a truly national moment in every community in our land."

It comes as a survey for a think tank suggests 69 per cent of people want Remembrance Day 2014 to be a special national day.

Two children plus a teacher from every state-maintained secondary school will have the chance to travel to the First World War battlefields as part of events to mark the centenary of the conflict.

Councillor Flick Rea, Chair of the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board has written to Culture Secretary Maria Miller to promote councils' important role in the commemorations.

[Full statement on the 10 Downing Street website](#)

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is providing funds to help local areas and communities explore their history and heritage, and understand its impact on their communities.

Local authorities can apply directly for funding, or promote this to schools, local not-for-profit and community organisations which can also apply for funding.

For more information, please email: enquire@hlf.org.uk

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