

Mark welcomes commemoration of the Centenary of the First World War

City MP Mark Lancaster has welcomed an announcement of events which are to be held next year to commemorate the Centenary of the First World War.

The announcement from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, will see school children visit the battlefields, a service of commemoration at Glasgow Cathedral after the Commonwealth Games, a candle-lit vigil of prayer and solemn reflection to be held at Westminster Abbey and a four year nationwide cultural programme established.

Mark, who is a serving member of the Territorial Army has praised the series of planned events which are to commemorate and raise awareness of the circumstances and loss of life which occurred when the First World War started 100 years ago.

Mark said, "As a serving officer I know only too well the high price that can be paid through war. I am pleased to see that the First World War will be commemorated in a number of ways and we will all be given an opportunity to consider the great cost so many men paid 100 years ago."