

National Lottery investment in First World War Centenary

One year from the Battle of the Somme Centenary, I'm asking communities in MK North to apply for new Â£4m Heritage Lottery Fund money to explore the impact of the war.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced new National Lottery money to help communities across the UK mark the Centenary of the First World War.

For me, the projects and stories that have already been shared as part of the First World War Centenary have been an inspiration. It's so important that we remember the impact of this war one hundred years on. There is still time to apply for National Lottery money and I would urge anyone with an idea for their own project to get in touch with the Heritage Lottery Fund and to visit www.hlf.org.uk for more information."

Following the phenomenal success of its community grants programme First World War: then and now, HLF has made an additional Â£4million available in 2015/16 for communities looking to explore, conserve and share local heritage of the First World War. Grants are available between Â£3,000 to Â£10,000.

Thanks to National Lottery funding, thousands of young people and communities throughout the UK have already been involved in activities marking the Centenary such as: researching and recording local heritage; conserving and finding out more about war memorials; and using digital technology to share the fascinating stories they uncover. This new money will help even more people get involved to explore a greater range of stories including those surrounding the Battle of the Somme.

The money was announced on 8th July 2015 at a House of Commons reception that showcased just a handful of over 1,000 First World War projects taking place across the UK, thanks to more than Â£70million of investment from HLF.

More information on how to apply for HLF funding is available at www.hlf.org.uk