Local Heroes - Distant Voices
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Kirkby Gallery  11 August - 15 Nov 2014

Self-led Education Pack

Hello, my name is Joseph Bray, I was a soldier in the First World War
Follow me and I will help you explore the exhibition, there are lots of different activities for you to try out.

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Our Gallery is a ‘Learning Destination’ for The Children’s University, so bring your ‘Passport to Learning’ if you are taking part in this scheme.
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There are pencils, clipboards and other equipment that you might like to use in the gallery while you explore the exhibition.

*Please return things when you have finished so others can use them too.*

In 1914 the First World War began, it was the biggest war the world had ever seen.

2014 marks 100 years since the beginning of the war. There will be lots of events and exhibitions across the country and this exhibition brings the stories of local soldiers affected by wars from 1914 up to almost present day.

Lots of countries on this map were involved in the First World War, some were on the same side as Great Britain (they were called *Allied Forces*).

Draw lines from Great Britain to countries you think were on the same side, one has already been done for you.
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Imagine you are a soldier at war, a long way from home in a strange place.

You are allowed to write a short postcard to send home, who would you write to, what would you write about?

Remember you have to be very careful what you write in case the postcard ends up in enemy hands!

Postcards home

Before it is sent, it will be checked to make sure you’re not giving away any secrets!
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Soldiers are awarded medals for their service to their country and for bravery.

Have a look at some of the medals in the exhibition and find out what they were awarded for.

Now have a go at designing your own medal and ribbon.

What is your medal for and who would you award it to?

Medals of honour
In England during the Second World War, children who lived in big towns and cities were moved or evacuated to safer places in the countryside to escape the German’s bombing air raids.

Imagine you are being evacuated, you only have a small case to take with you - what things would you pack? Write a list and draw them in the suitcase (don’t forget your toothbrush!)

Remember to fill your label in!

Children wore a label attached to their coat with their name, age, school and where they were going, so other people knew who they were when they arrived at the new place.

Can you think of any safe places in the country that you might have been sent to?
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Soldiers often wrote about their experiences of war. Have a closer look around the gallery at the photographs and choose one to write about.

Imagine you are inside the picture, write a story or poem about it. You could write about where in the world it might be, who the people are and why they are there, what might happen next, what smells and sounds might be there, how does it make you feel, and what you are doing there?
British soldiers have taken part in many wars and conflicts across the world.

Have a look at the list of places below, see if you can match up the cities and towns with the correct country, draw a line to connect the words together. You could also colour in the globe.

Where in the world?

Baghdad
Ypres
Kabul
Belfast
Paris
Stanley
Berlin
Falklands
France
Iraq
Germany
Belgium
Ireland
Afghanistan

Have you been to any of these places?
See if you can find any of them on maps or globes.
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During times of war - soldiers needed to communicate battle plans and tactics to everyone on their side without the enemy finding out, so they used secret codes!

Codes replace normal letters with different letters, numbers or symbols. Use the code below to write your own secret messages. Remember spies are everywhere, so be careful - you don’t want the messages being read by the enemies!

- **Can you break the code?**

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See if you can work this one out first.

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You could have a go at inventing your own codes using shapes, symbols or numbers!
During the First & Second World Wars, posters were designed with all sorts of important public information. They were used to find new soldiers, to stop people wasting food, for women to help do the jobs the men had left behind, and lots more.

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Have a go at designing your own campaign poster. What would your campaign be about, who is it for and what is your message to the people who see your poster? You can use a separate piece of paper or the back of this page.
As you can see in the exhibition there are lots of photographs, documents and objects that help tell the important stories from our past.

Choose something from the exhibition that you found interesting and draw it here, then write about why you chose it.

The most interesting thing in the Local Heroes exhibition is ...

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In the exhibition there is a Timeline showing lots of military conflicts that soldiers from Great Britain have been involved in across the World in the last 100 years.

Have a look at the Timeline and see if you can answer these questions.

What started in 1914 and affected most of the world?

When did the Second World War start and how long did it last?

Find 1956 on the Timeline, what is the 'Suez' and what country is it in?

In 1982 which country did Great Britain go to war with and what were they fighting for?

How many years did the wars in Yugoslavia last?

Look at the end of the Timeline, are British Soldiers still involved in any conflicts in the world? If so where in the world are they?

Further activity:

When you get back to class or home, you could have a look to see where some of these countries are, what is the national flag, what is the main language spoken there, and what coins or currency do they use?
The First World War was supposed to be the war to end all wars, but sadly there are still wars going on across the world that affect many people’s lives.

Can you come up with some ideas to help end current wars and to stop people starting new ones.