

WAR & REMEMBRANCE

The two World Wars were significant turning points in British history. Nations, communities and individuals of all ages across the world continue to come together to mark, commemorate and remember the lives of those who lived, fought and died.

Touchstones Rochdale themed workshops and resources can help you plan your own wartime commemorations.



KS2

WWI: Life in the First World War

Cost: £63 (1hr 30mins)

Dates: Workshops available throughout the year

Time: 10am – 11.30am & 1pm – 2.30pm

The First World War was a significant turning point in British history. During this interactive workshop your pupils will use role-play to act out the lives of the Lords, an ordinary family who live in Rochdale, from 1914 to 1918. Pupils will learn about: the causes of the First World War; how the Government used propaganda posters to encourage men to enlist; what life was like as a Tommy in the trenches at the front; about the Home Front including the changing role of women; the role animals played in the war and why we commemorate 11th November.

“All of it exceeded our expectations; the children were actively involved throughout the session. They were so disappointed when the session ended. Very appropriate, subject matter consolidated learning that had taken place in the classroom. Also, new material and facts introduced, very well explained.”

Year 3 teacher, Pennines

WWI: Notes to Keep the Home Fires Burning

KS2

NEW!

Cost: £63 (1hr 30mins)

Dates: Workshops available throughout the year

Time: 10am – 11.30am & 1pm – 2.30pm

A cross-curricular workshop for KS2 focusing on the effects of WWI on the lives of two people from Rochdale.

Travel back in time to the First World War and discover the inspirational true story of a local couple from the borough. A time without emails, Facebook and mobile phones - how would you keep the heart of a loved one burning?

Meet local lad Jim Pate, it is the day before his wedding day and he just cannot decide whether or not to marry his wartime sweetheart Gladys Challinor! Jim and Gladys wrote letters, poems and postcards throughout Jim's time serving his country as a Lance Corporal in the army. Help Jim through his trials and tribulations to explore the past, commemorate his companions and ultimately decide whether or not to say, "I do!"

“Very relevant – our topic is Britain At War.” Children said, *“It was really educational and fun and I hope to come back in the future”*, *“It was realistic and it really told the story of Jim.”*

Year 6 teacher and children, Middleton



NEW!

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OUTREACH: WWI Gallipoli Experience Day KS2

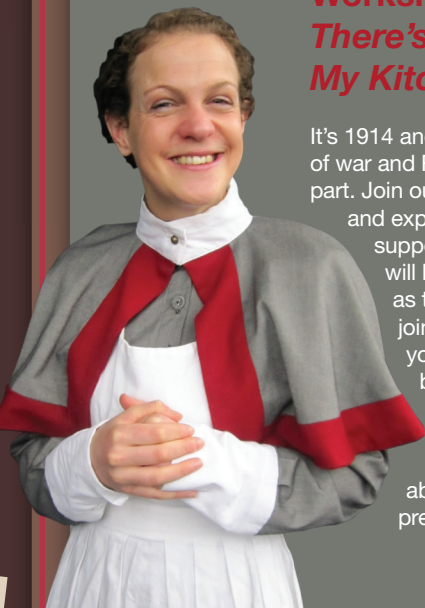
The First World War was a global event which changed the world we live in today. The national call to arms roused local communities up and down the country affecting every corner of Britain. This WWI Gallipoli Experience Day looks at Rochdale's experience both on the home front and on the battlefield in Gallipoli, Turkey, where many local men lost their lives. The two complementary workshops allow an in-depth examination of a world event on local history giving your children a chance to understand why 'we will remember them'.

Cost: Full day comprises of two workshops running simultaneously swapped over after lunch. In addition, the following options are also available:

- 1 full day (containing 'Workshop 1' and 'Workshop 2' for 1 class) = £250 (2 workshops in total)
- 1 full day for 2 classes experiencing both workshops each = £450 (4 workshops in total)
- 1 workshop for 1 class (available either morning or afternoon) = £150



Workshop 1: *There's a Soldier in My Kitchen!* KS2



It's 1914 and Britain is on the brink of war and Rochdale must play its part. Join our costumed facilitator and explore how the home front supported the war effort. Who will house the new recruits as they train before going to join the front line? How will you keep troops entertained before they leave to fight 'the good fight'? Take part in our fully interactive session and learn all about a soldier's life as they prepared for war.

"The Gallipoli workshops supported the learning taking place in our History Curriculum and this year's WW1 theme. The students really enjoyed the workshop, they were engaged throughout. The workshop was entirely suitable for our students."

Year 7 teacher, Rochdale

Workshop 2: *Extra! Extra! Read all about it! War Declared!* KS2



The First World War has started and you need to do your bit for your King, your country and your town... Rochdale! This participatory workshop follows in the footsteps of local men from the terraced streets to the battlefield. Who will step in line and volunteer to do their bit overseas? How will you feel to leave behind your friends and family? Join our costumed facilitator and prepare to travel back in time, 'pack up your troubles' and brave life at the front.

"Thank you for a super experience. Both facilitators were brilliant and also maintained order of the class." One child added, *"That was amazing!"*

Year 4 & 5 teacher and student, Bury

Loan Box Service

Don't forget you can also book a loan box to help bring your history topic to life in your classroom. The WWI & WWII boxes contain real and replica artefacts which are free to borrowers within the Rochdale Borough.

See pages 30-31 for further details.

WWI & WWII: Self-Guided Remembrance Trail

Discover Rochdale's contribution to World War One and World War Two by exploring the wartime displays in the Museum at Touchstones Rochdale. To support your visit we have created a Remembrance themed Museum trail. Why not extend your day by including a visit to the nearby Memorial Gardens to see the War Memorial opposite the Rochdale Town Hall? There is no cost for a self-guided visit and entrance to our building is also free.

WWII: Oh, What a Lovely War! KS2

Cost: £63 (1hr 30mins)

Dates: Workshops available throughout the year

Time: 10am – 11.30am & 1pm – 2.30pm

What was life like on the Home Front during World War Two? What did Mother do during the day while Father was away? What were children expected to do towards the war effort? Your students will follow the story of Rochdale's Schofield family from happier times in pre-1939 Britain to the drastic changes which affected them all in wartime. This is a lively hands-on session with lots of role-play and interaction which make it a fantastic introduction to WWII and Remembrance Day topics. Our costumed facilitator will remain in role throughout the performance to give your class a flavour of what life was really like during WWII.

"Everyone enjoyed the session. It was very entertaining and kept the children engaged throughout."

Year 3 teacher, Rochdale



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OUTREACH: WWII Boot Camp! KS2

Cost: £150 for a single 2hr morning or afternoon session (£250 for two 2hr sessions or £300 for three 90mins sessions when all are booked for the same day).

Dates: Available throughout the year. Please call to arrange a suitable date.

Attention! It's time to tie your laces and grab your kit bag to take part in our Second World War Boot Camp session. The costumed facilitator will remain in role for the whole performance to deliver an authentic P.T. exercise programme from the era.

Designed to test the fitness of the fighters in World War Two, this workshop is guaranteed to get pupil's pulses racing as well as mentally fit for the challenges ahead. Look sharp! Does your class have the strength of character to endure the WWII 'function fitness test'?



"Relevant - link to new curriculum. Something different, unable to teach myself. Good activities give idea of what life was like. Liked character aspect; facilitator being in and out of character. Children got worn out!"

Year 6 teacher, Manchester



WWII: A Wartime Christmas KS2

Cost: £63 (1hr 30mins)

Dates: November and December 2014

Time: 10am – 11.30am & 1pm – 2.30pm

Children will learn how rationing affected Christmas celebrations during the Second World War; from the food that people ate, the ways that they cooked it, to the presents that they gave to their loved ones. The class will be split into two teams which will compete against each other to decorate a 'bomb shelter' using a traditional 'goose-feather Christmas tree', homemade paper chains created by the children and other festive trimmings.

We will then put the decorated shelters to use as the Air Raid Siren warns us of an impending attack. Each child will also wear a replica gas mask and will learn about the effects of air raids on the people of wartime Britain.

