

Kent & Medway Schools' 1914 Christmas Truce Project

Agenda

Aims: This Workshop is an opportunity for teachers to find out how to:

- Create literacy and cross-curricular activities about the 1914 Christmas Truce
- Plan a school assembly about "The 1914 Christmas Truce" and why we should continue to remember and commemorate this event today
- Dedicate a part of your school grounds as a "Peace Field" in memory of those who took part in The Wartime Truce 100 years ago
- Publish your pupils literacy and art work online for other schools to view
- Pupils can take part in online workshops about The 1914 Christmas Truce with local historians
- Commemorate the event by taking part in sporting activities designed to promote friendship with other local schools, intergenerational relationships and community cohesion

13:00	Arrival and coffee
13:30	Welcome and introduction: Why should we remember the 1914 Christmas Truce? Sarah Corn (Museum Development Officer for Kent & Medway) Promoting links between schools and museums in Kent & Medway
13:50	Planning Literacy and Cross-Curricular activities about the 1914 Christmas Truce Vicky Gough (British Council Education Advisor) All schools in the UK have received in 2014 a copy of The British Council 1914 Christmas Truce resource pack. Discover how you can use the resources in the pack to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research the life of British & Commonwealth soldiers • Plan 2 and 3-D Art work depicting living conditions in The Trenches • Design First World War Christmas and Greeting Cards • Design your own "Conflict & Peace" games focused on the events of Christmas 1914.
14: 30	Why should we remember the 1914 Christmas Truce? Ian Coulson Ex. ASK History Advisor (Brook Museum, Wye) The events of Christmas 1914 were a result of the actions taken by German and British soldiers living in the Trenches. Why is it important to remember this event as we commemorate the First World War Centenary? Adapt and use the multimedia resources in the Kent Teachers Resource Pack to create a class or whole school assembly about the 1914 Christmas Truce that includes music, art work, historic film clips
15:10	The Football and Peace Project Ernie Brennan (National Children's Football Alliance) How can our school commemorate the events of Christmas 1914? Discover how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicate a part of your school grounds as a "Peace Field" in memory of those who took part in The Wartime Truce 100 years ago • Learn about the Messines Peace Village and its work promoting peace & reconciliation through sport • Organise and take part in sporting events to commemorate the events of Christmas 1914 during the week of 24th – 28th November 2014.
15:50	Commemorating the 1914 Christmas Truce – What resources are available online Tim Hall (World War I Toolbox Web Manager) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out in this session what film clips, photographs, audio and text based sources are available online for teachers to download and use in the classroom • Learn how you can publish and share online your pupils art, music and literacy work with other schools • Plan to take part in an online 1914 Christmas Truce workshop with staff from Museums across Kent & Medway during the week 24th – 28th November 2014.
16:30	Next Steps – How to sign up to take part in the planned activities
16:30	Finish

