

Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918

Community Activities Working Group

Minutes of the First World War Centenary Community Activities Working Group

Tuesday 17 November 2015, 14:00 – 15:30 – Pierhead building, Cardiff Bay

Present:

Lesley-Anne Kerr (Chair), MALD, Welsh Government
[BALH Official 1] British Association for Local History
[Fields in Trust Official 1] Fields in Trust
[HLF Official 1] Heritage Lottery Fund
[FWW Cardiff Steering Group Official 1], Firing Line Cardiff Castle Museum of the Welsh Soldier
[WCIA Official 1] Welsh Centre for International Affairs
[WCIA Official 2] Welsh Centre for International Affairs
[Welsh Government Official 1] Cadw, Welsh Government
[Welsh Government Official 2] MALD, Welsh Government
[Welsh Government Official 3] (Minutes) MALD, Welsh Government

Apologies:

[S4C Official 1] (S4C); [RBL Official 1] (The Royal British Legion); [ARCW Official 1] (Archives and Records Council Wales); [PCW Official 1] (People's Collection Wales); [PCW Official 2] (People's Collection Wales); [PCW Official 3] (People's Collection Wales); [Assoc FHS Wales / NLW Official 1] (Association of Family History Societies of Wales & the National Library of Wales); [WVCA Official 1] (Wales Council for Voluntary Action); [WCVA Official 2] (Wales Council for Voluntary Action); [AC-NMW Official 1] (Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales); [AC-NMW Official 2] (Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales); [SCL Official 1] (Blaenau Gwent Libraries and Society Of Chief Librarians Wales); [Assoc FHS Wales Official 2] (Federation of Welsh Family History Societies); [CWGC Official 1] (Commonwealth War Graves Commission); [OVW Official 1] (One Voice Wales); [SCL Official 2] (Vale of Glamorgan Library Service and Society Of Chief Librarians Wales); [Welsh Museums Federation Official 1] (Federation of Museums and Art Galleries Wales); [BBC Official 1] (BBC Wales); [WLGA Official 1] (Welsh Local Government Association); [National Eisteddfod Official 1] (The National Eisteddfod of Wales); [SNPA Official 1], Snowdonia National Park Authority; [name redacted], [name redacted], [name redacted]

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1. Welcome and Minutes from the last meeting (15 July 2014)

LAK welcomed members. The minutes were noted and agreed.

2. Update from Museums, Archives and Libraries Division

[Welsh Government Official 2] gave an update on key projects *Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914 – 1918* had delivered / contributed towards over the 6 months prior the meeting. Examples included The Welsh at Gallipoli Travelling Exhibition and the Centenary of the Battle of Loos. [Welsh Government Official 2] and LAK then provided updates on key projects for 2016 including the schedule for *Programme 2016*, the second annual First World War *Partnership Day* being held with Imperial War Museums in Aberystwyth on 28 January, the possible Replica Gadair Ddu exhibition in Brussels in March 2016 and 'The Welsh in Mametz Wood 1916: The National Service of Remembrance' commemoration being held in France on 7 July 2016.

3. Update from members

The Welsh Centre for International Affairs (WCIA) provided an update on their activities to date and their forward look. The Welsh Book of Remembrance online transcription tool, digitally commemorating the names of the fallen of the First World War, was launched by Dame Rosemary Butler AM as part of the 'National Assembly Remembers' Exhibition at the Senedd on 11 November 2015, and an exhibition featuring the Book of Remembrance will open at the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth in January 2016. The launch of the WCIA Quakers in Wales 'Faith and Action' exhibition is scheduled to launch at the Eisteddfod in 2016. WCIA has been working to assist with the 2016 Urdd International Message of Peace and Goodwill. WCIA is keen to collaborate with as many partners as possible and requested that organisations contact them. [Welsh Government Official 2] encouraged WCIA to make use of the *Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918* website (www.cymruncofio.org | www.walesremembers.org) in order to disseminate the message.

[HLF Official 1] of HLF Wales provided an update on the *First World War: Then and Now* Grant Scheme event that took place on 10 November. She emphasised the need for further collaboration and greater awareness of the grant scheme. HLF are keen to fund new and diverse projects which can provide a different perspective of the First World War Centenary commemoration. [HLF Official 1] is arranging an HLF workshop and will attempt to confirm a date before 1 December to ensure that the event can be included in the *Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 Programme 2016* brochure.

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[BALH Official 1] of the British Association for Local History (BALH) outlined the organisation's activities and their plans for 2016. She noted that BALH had secured links with the American Association for State and Local History. [Welsh Government Official 2] suggested that [BALH Official 1] promotes BALH's work through the *Cymru'n Cofio* Wales Remembers 1914-1918 website (www.cymruncofio.org | www.walesremembers.org).

To note that electronic files were provided to MALD by [BALH Official 1]. Any member who would like copies should contact the Cymru'n Cofio mailbox: cymruncofio-walesrem@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

[FWW Cardiff Steering Group Official 1], provided an update on behalf of the Cardiff Remembers project. A new project officer has been appointed. The project will be commemorating the Battle of Mametz Wood with exhibitions and events in 2016.

[Fields in Trust Official 1] delivered a presentation on the Fields in Trust programme. Progress to date and the outlook were discussed.

4. Feedback from members who sit on other working groups

There were no further updates from members.

5. Moving Forward

LAK noted that a meeting will be arranged in due course for the Community Activities Working Group.

6. Any other business

No additional items were presented.

7. Date of next meeting

To be held at the next Annual Working Group meeting day, likely to be November or December 2016.

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