

First World War Commemoration - Education Steering Group

**Meeting Note
Tuesday, 03 July 2014**

**Welsh Government Buildings
Aberystwyth**

Attendees

[NLW Official 1], Senior Education Officer, National Library of Wales (NLW)
[GWE Consortia Official 1], GWE Consortia
[NLW Official 2] – NLW - Primary Resources
[National Museum 1] – National Museum
[St Cyres Official 1], St Cyres
[Ysgol Tryfan Official 1], Ysgol Tryfan
[Ysgol Bro Myrddin Official 1], Ysgol Bro Myrddin

Welsh Government

[WG Official 1] – History Subject Expert
[WG Official 2] – Senior Curriculum Manager

Apologies

[St John Lloyd R.C. Primary School Official 1], St John Lloyd R.C. Primary School
[Swansea University Official 1], History and Classics, Swansea University
[Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan Official 1], Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan
[WG Official 3], School Curriculum Branch, Welsh Government

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1 [WG Official 1] welcomed members of the group.

2. Summary of actions from Meeting held on 01 April 2014

2.1. [St Cyres Official 1] advised that in relation to Point 1 in the minutes of the last meeting were incorrect and that the group had never agreed to the grant of £1000 to each secondary school.

2.2 [Ysgol Tryfan Official 1] advised that the group had been involved in discussions about the different options for consideration on the commemoration activities for schools in Wales.

Action 1 - [WG Official 1] advised that she would seek clarification on the issue of the endorsement of the group for the £1000 for each secondary school.

3. Grant of £1000 to schools Update

3.1. [St Cyres Official 1] advised that whilst funding from the Education Department is only available for secondary schools that there are opportunities through the Armed Forces Covenant fund for regional grants.

3.2. Information on the current projects that have been submitted by schools was circulated to the group. The group was pleased with the varied events that were coming through and asked that we consider ways in which we can communicate these more widely. The group identified a number of events taking place in the coming weeks where the grant application and guidance could be shared and applications from school encouraged.

Action 2 - [WG Official 1] advised that we would explore communication options for sharing details of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund information.

Action 3 - [WG Official 2] to explore using DfES communication channels and Twitter to circulating project information.

4. First World War Education Proposals – Resources for Schools 2014-2016 ([NLW Official 1])

4.1 [NLW Official 1] and [NLW Official 2] updated the group and shared the proposed resources that are scheduled to be released at the end of July in line with the planned schedule of work.

4.2 [NLW Official 1] outlined that due to the work being undertaken on the HWB site, the resources would be released on the National Library of Wales (NLW) and National Museum websites. [NLW Official 1] advised that he has been in contact with the HWB team at the Welsh Government about a dedicated page on the FWW for the resources where the resources will be held.

4.3 [NLW Official 1] outlined that the next phase of resources, which will look at the First World War as a world war, the main theatres of war, main battles time-line, the recruitment and training of armed forces and local packs are scheduled for release in September.

4.4 The group acknowledged the work to date and advised that the resources were informative and would be welcomed by schools.

Action 4 - [NLW Official 1] to consider resource pack for use in assemblies in schools. for publication ready for September

5. First World War Education Proposals – Wales at War Project (App) ([St Cyres Official 1])

5.1. [St Cyres Official 1] advised that the tender process was underway with a potential award being made in August.

5.2. A first meeting of the pilot schools group, which includes members of this group, has been held to outline the project and the work of the group in taking the project forward.

5.3. The proposed timescale for the launch of the `app` is January 2015.

5.4. [St Cyres Official 1] informed that through the Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers programme board a sub-group is being established on Gallipoli

5.6 [Ysgol Bro Myrddin Official 1] raised a concern on the involvement of the armed forces in the development of the `app` in the context of ensuring that this will be providing a balanced view of the war.

5.7 [St Cyres Official 1] advised that [Royal Navy Official] who is the project officer, has engaged with pacifist groups as part of the project and will be ensuring that the project does take this into account. There will also be opportunities through the work of the pilot schools group to ensure that this is also being reflected.

5.8 A point was raised of how the consistency and verification of information bi-lingually would be uploaded.

Action 5 - [WG Official 2] to speak with Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers project team to explore information on Gallipoli on the website.

6.1 Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 Programme update (CyMAL)

6.1. [WG Official] updated and circulated a written update on the Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers programme

7. AOB

7.1 No any other business was raised.

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