

Remembering the Real World War One

Autumn 2014 Events

Thurs 23 October to Wed 12 November



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Date	Time	Venue	Title	With	Price
Thu 23 Oct	7:30pm	M-Shed Princes Wharf, BS1 4RN	1914-1918: The War within the War	Adam Hochschild	£5/3
Wed 29 Oct	7:30pm	Hydra Bookshop 34 Old Market, BS2 0EZ	World War One: Arming All Sides	Arming All Sides	Don.
Thu 30 Oct	8:00pm	Easton Community Centre Kilburn St, BS5 6AW	Echoes of the 'Great War': Imperialism, displacement and migration	-	-
Sun 2 Nov	2:00pm	Friends Meeting House Champion Square, BS2 9DB	Hidden Histories of World War One	Gee Vaucher, History From Below	Don.
Tue 4 Nov	7:30pm	Trinity Centre Trinity Rd, BS2 0NW	Women Resisting the Great War	Shelia Rowbotham, June Hannam	Don.
Wed 5 Nov	2:00pm	Central Reference Library College Green, BS1 5TL	Opening the Archives: Resistance to World War One in Bristol	-	Free
Thu 6 Nov	7:30pm	Hydra Bookshop 34 Old Market, BS2 0EZ	Deserters, Conchies and Reds: Bristolian opposition to the First World War	Colin Thomas, Geoff Woolffe	Don.
Sat 8 Nov	2:00pm	Hydra Bookshop 34 Old Market, BS2 0EZ	Trade Unions and Resistance to the Great War	Ian Wright, Kevin Morgan	Don.
Wed 12 Nov	8:00pm	The Cube 4 Princess Row, BS2 8NQ	The World's War: Forgotten Soldiers of Empire	Dominic Rai	£5/3

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World War One is often portrayed as an inevitable or necessary conflict, which the majority of Britons enthusiastically accepted. This is far from the truth. *Remembering the Real World War One* is three weeks of events aimed at uncovering hidden histories of resistance to the 'Great War' in Bristol from deserters, conchies and pacifists to rebel miners, radical trade unionists and reds. We will also meet those who have been ignored by the official histories, the Indian, African and Asian soldiers who fought and died for the British Empire and later struggled against it for their freedom. Finally we consider how this global war, which was essentially a conflict between imperial powers for land and resources, redrew the maps leaving legacies which still haunt us today.

1914-1918: The War within the War

WW1 is usually remembered as a bloody conflict between rival alliances of nations. But there was another struggle: between people who regarded the war as a noble and necessary crusade, and a brave minority who felt it was tragic madness and refused to fight. Adam Hochschild describes this battle, focusing on the country where that tension was sharpest, Great Britain.

World War One: Arming All Sides

After WW1 the scale of death and destruction wrought by modern weaponry led many people to support disarmament and international conciliation. The Arming All Sides project questions the role the arms trade played before, during and after WW1, what opposition was mounted and how the conflict affected what people thought about making and selling armaments.

Echoes of the 'Great War': Imperialism, displacement and migration

Bristol's cultural links to WW1 are explored through the eyes of asylum seekers and refugees who defy the official narrative and glorification of 'The Great War'. The

impact of WW1 and its connections to contemporary conflict are examined through the creation of digital stories which visibly express the real issues of displacement, identity and misery still felt today.

Hidden Histories of World War One

The History From Below conference brings together historian-activists from all over Europe, who will be giving presentations on hidden histories of WW1. There will also be an exhibition of anti-war art by the influential graphic artist, Gee Vaucher of CRASS, who will be discussing her work and its impact. Presentations include:

Jean Jaurès (1914-2014) (Mario van Driessche, Ghent, Belgium)

Boden 1917: Why did you shoot your own officer? (Peter Box, Sweden)

'Pistolero'ismo': Barcelona during WW1 (Mariano Maturana, Barcelona, Spain)

The Christmas Truces 1914-15: Miracle, myth or mass mutiny? (Roger Ball, Bristol, UK)

Resistance to WW1 in East London (David Rosenberg, London, UK)

No Glory in War Manchester - Alternative Ways of Marking the WWI Centenary (Ian Gwinn, Manchester, UK)

Women Resisting the Great War

The Friends of Alice Wheeldon

In 1917, Derby anti-war socialist and feminist, Alice Wheeldon, was jailed for plotting to kill the Prime Minister. In this new edition of *The Friends of Alice Wheeldon*, Sheila Rowbotham reveals how militarism and fears about security contrived to devastate the lives of an ordinary family.

Bristol women campaigning for peace in WW1

June Hannam will focus on women in Bristol who opposed militarism and sought a negotiated peace, many of whom were socialists from the Independent Labour Party (ILP). June will explore what women did to further their cause and the ideas that underpinned their peace activism.

Opening the Archives: Resistance to World War One in Bristol

The Central Reference Library is presenting a collection of primary sources relating to resistance and reaction during WW1. So come on down and sample the actual items, from anti-war posters, flyers and pamphlets to jingoist vitriol.

Deserters, Conchies and Reds: Bristolian opposition to the First World War

The Bristol Deserter - Alfred Jefferies - His War Story

During WW1 300 British soldiers on the Western Front were shot at dawn for deserting or for 'cowardice'. One victim, Alfred Jefferies, a Bristolian, was executed in November 1916. Based on official archives, including war diaries and court martial records, Geoff Woolfe describes Alfred's tragic war story.

Freedom of Soul

Bristol dockers and railway workers voted for Britain to stay out of WW1, and

although their union's leadership wavered, the local Independent Labour Party kept up its opposition to the war to the bitter end. Using extracts from television programmes, Colin Thomas will tell the courageous story of war resisters in Bristol.

Trade Unions and Resistance to the Great War

Class cohesion and spurious patriotism: trade union internationalism in WW1

Kevin Morgan considers the trade union radicals who took up an internationalist and anti-war position, gathering increasing support as the war went on. This stance received a further stimulus with the Russian revolutions of 1917 and exercised a wide influence in the labour movement in the post-war years.

Men on one hand, Coal on the other: The Forest of Dean Miners and WW1 1910 - 1920

Ian Wright's new book on the Forest of Dean Miners' Association (FDMA) and WW1 considers the divergent attitudes within the organisation, particularly over collaboration with the government, who sought to release men from the mines in order to send them to the front. Ian will examine how this was resisted by miners and led to the defeat of the pro-war leaders of the FDMA.

The World's War:

Forgotten Soldiers of Empire

David Olusoga's recent documentary *The World's War* challenged perceptions of WW1 with the stories of millions of Indian, African and Asian troops who fought alongside white European troops on the western front. Using letters and diaries Dominic Rai brings to life the experiences of Indian soldiers in Flanders.