



HUNGRY FOR HISTORY

A national schools commemorative campaign designed to instil a love of history in children & to encourage the sharing of ideas and the forging of links between schools.

The campaign takes its inspiration from the major anniversaries of the First World War, World War II and the Battle of Waterloo amongst others. With the emphasis on commemoration and reflection at this unique time, it aims to strike a chord with young people, bring history alive, inspire the young generation of today and encourage a renewed appetite for the subject.

Our website, www.hungryforhistory.info, alongside social media, serves as a central platform for inspiration and information to schools nationwide who wish to be part of this campaign. We want to promote the sharing of commemorative ideas, events, competitions and the forging of links. We encourage schools to set up activities that could link in their local area or their local or partner schools and inform them of what is happening. If your school has an idea or is already organising an event that you would like to share with other schools, then please email us at info@hungryforhistory.info.

A group of Lead Ambassador Schools is helping to coordinate the venture including [Harrow](#), [Wellesley House](#), [Uppingham](#), [Woodcote House](#), [Wellington College](#) and [The King's School, Canterbury](#).

WE WANT CHILDREN TO HELP US MASTERMIND THIS VENTURE

We want this campaign to grow and develop in the direction that children and schools want to take it. We want to make it an adventure by encouraging children to help shape the project through in-house committees with pupils of all ages working together and discussing ideas, events, outdoor classrooms, participation in competitions etc. We want to motivate children to learn about their local history and take pride in it.

Using their natural curiosity, and through discussion and collaboration, we hope these committees will develop research, analytical and presentation skills and also enable children to create their own lasting legacy from the commemorations.

SUPPORT

Hungry for History has the support of organisations such as the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#) and [Waterloo 200](#). We also have the endorsement of historians such as [Professor Sir Hew Strachan](#), [Simon Sebag Montefiore](#), [Dr David Starkey](#), [Dan Snow](#) and [Peter Snow](#).

Hungry for History will be launching a groundbreaking national schools competition in partnership with [Waterloo 200](#) in March 2015 - more news to follow soon.

Major General Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter KCVO OBE, Chairman of Waterloo 200

"Great historic events form part of our cultural memory even if we were not present to witness them. They are part of our national story and the catalyst for understanding our place in the world. The Battle of Waterloo is one of these great events and a defining moment in European history. Reaching out to younger generations is essential if its significance is to be recognised and understood and the Hungry for History campaign is an invigorating way of achieving this legacy, not only for Waterloo but for other great historic events as well."

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