

HARINGEY FIRST WORLD WAR **PEACE** FORUM

Annual Report October 2017 – October 2018

Since the last AGM in October 2017 the core planning group has met on twelve occasions - 15 November 2017, 13 December, 8 January 2018, 29 January, 7 February, 14 March, 23 April, 23 May, 13 June, 9 July, 20 August and 25 September.

The programme of work has largely been determined by the projects itemised in the Heritage Lottery Fund bid for £9,900 that was granted in September 2017. We are immensely grateful for this HLF grant which is enabling us to put our 'Conscientious Objection Remembered' programme into effect. The simple listing below of our activities disguises many hours of work by the core group to research, liaise, arrange, and complete them. This was especially true of *The Lost Files* sculpture, the newly created website, and our booklet *Conscientious Objection Remembered*. Our mailing list of local supporters and press has grown, and they have been contacted at least six times with news of progress and events.

We have had encouraging responses from local press and various networks, both historical and peace related. *The Tottenham and Wood Green Independent* carried a front page photograph and short article following the project's launch in December 2017, the *Ham & High* also included a photograph and a report. *The Lost Files* sculpture was publicised through *Haringey People* and featured in the June 2018 issue of *The Friend* while the walk booklet, *Conscientious Objection Remembered*, was treated to a full page spread in the October/November 2018 issue of *Peace News*. Talks and presentations by members of the core group have been followed in various ways and several are likely to lead to future opportunities for publicity. So, for example, Jennifer Bell's talk on 'WW1 Conscientious Objectors in Haringey' resulted in an article published in *Haringey CND Newsletter*. Similarly, a presentation at Layers of London events (see below) resulted in one of the COs from our project featuring on their website home page (<https://www.layersoflondon.org>) and a Layers of London article featured HFWWPF in the Institute of Historical Research journal *Past & Future* in April.

Events and Activities - November 2017-October 2018

CO Peace Walk as part of the University of London's Being Human Festival, 19 November 2017. This pioneered the route used for the walk featured later in our booklet, *Conscientious Objection Remembered* (see below).

Conscientious Objection Remembered (COR) project press launch with Catherine West MP and Haringey's Mayor, Stephen Mann, outside the Salisbury, 1 December 2017

Online and postal launch of Conscientious Objection Remembered website December 2017

Cooperation with Generation Exchange agreed at their AGM in December

Plan for sculpture and exhibition agreed with Bruce Castle Museum

COR talk to Stroud Green Ward Labour Party, 7 February 2018

COR talk to Crouch End U3A on 8 February

Production of Michael Mears' one-man play *This Evil Thing*, at Mattison Road church, 22 February

General Data Protection Regulation policy agreed by supporters of HFWWPF in April

The Lost Files Sculpture and Exhibition opening and Private View at Bruce Castle Museum on 5 May.
(On display until the end of September)

Sculptor Al Johnson's talk at Bruce Castle, and HFWWPF members interviewed by Brighton University PhD student Kristin O'Donnell, on 21 May.

Our regular contributions to the Institute of Historical Research's project, 'Layers of London', by using the map to plot our COs, resulted in HFWWPF being given as an example at a Layers of London workshop on 24 May

Involvement in the Stroud Green Festival 7 – 24 June:

- Production of special joint flyer
- Sing-along at the Earl Haig Hall on 10 June
- Conscientious Objection walk, with Stroud Green Conservation Area Consultative Committee, 16 June
- HFWWPF provided stories used during final concert at Holy Trinity Church, 22 June

Conscientious Objection Remembered walk illustrated booklet published in June - the product of much research, drafting and editing. Grateful thanks to staff at Bruce Castle and members of Hornsey Historical Society for their help with images for the booklet, to Leon Boothman who created the map, and designers Smith + Bell for the attractive layout. Wide distribution to sponsors, archives, libraries, Bruce Castle Museum, peace organisations, Harringay Traders and individual supporters.

Workshops for Rokesly School at Bruce Castle, and for Year 8 students at Woodside School in July (with thanks to COR volunteer Patsy Nightingale and Generation Exchange for school liaison).

Talk to Haringey CND in July

The test version of the new Layers of London demonstrated to HFWWPF at our July meeting by Seif El Rashidi.

CO Memorial installation plans confirmed, and discussion with Harringay Traders over maintenance and insurance opened in July

Liz Charleston's HLF-funded drama group from High Wycombe visited Bruce Castle installation and met COR members to discuss researching CO histories, August.

The poster campaign for next spring was outlined in August

Layers of London promotional video included HFWWPF, 14 September, and Layers of London launch of new website 21 September with HFWWPF contribution.

First Conscientious Objection Remembered walk, 14 October

COR Talk to Harringay Ward Labour Party, 21 October

Haringey First World War Peace Forum core members are: Jennifer Bell, Joanna Bornat, Valerie Flessati, John Hinshelwood and Al Johnson

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