

Trailblazers: World War One's Inspirational Women

Project summary

Trailblazers: World War One's Inspirational Women is a First World War commemoration programme, led by Big Ideas and funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The programme invites schools and community groups across the country to discover inspirational women from the First World War, celebrate their achievements and identify trailblazing women today.

2018 will mark an important national moment – 100 years since the end of World War One and celebrating the centenary of the Women's Vote. The programme is a unique opportunity for schools in the UK to mark the centenary of the Armistice and celebrate women's achievements in the First World War and the present day.

What resources are available?

Schools and community groups can apply for up to £200 funding per group to get involved in the project. Visit www.big-ideas.org/funding-opportunities to find out more.

This project has a free resource pack with case studies on inspirational women from the First World War period, their achievements and how they were changemakers of their time. This includes lesson and assembly plans, plus top tips for young people leading their own assemblies and presentations. Contact trailblazers@big-ideas.org to request a funding application form and a copy of the resource pack.

How can groups take part?

The programme invites school and community groups across the country to discover inspirational women from the First World War, celebrate their achievements and identify trailblazing women today. This is a citizenship-focused project, empowering students to become confident public speakers and active citizens within their local community. Students are encouraged to use their knowledge of First World War women to plan activities within their own local community, including presenting their research in assemblies within their school or community group or to feeder primary schools and groups.

Participating groups will nominate a Trailblazer Ambassador to promote gender equality and female empowerment within their school or community.

Schools can create murals dedicated to First World War and contemporary trailblazing women, lead presentations and assemblies, reach out to local community groups to get involved in community projects, put on a school play about inspirational women and much more.

Trailblazers is part of Remember Together.

For more information, email trailblazers@big-ideas.org or visit big-ideas.org