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Aged 13-19?

Looking for a challenge?

**Ready to test your
creative skills?**

The Lord-Lieutenant's Young Person of the Year Award is open to young people aged 13-19 (as at 31st January 2017) resident or attending full-time education in Leicester or Leicestershire. The Award recognises the very best examples of achievement by young people in Leicester and Leicestershire.

Category 5: Young Investigator of the Year

This Award commemorates the centenary of the First World War.



inspired award

This year the Award will be given to a young person who investigates and presents a piece of creative research which is inspired by the story of the 5th Northern General Hospital which looked after those who were injured during the First World War. The building is now part of Leicester University.

You can take this project wherever you'd like. It could be:

- a video
- an exhibition
- a blog
- a podcast
- a report
- any other method

You might be an illustrator or an animator. Whatever your talent you'll be a super investigator.



5th Northern General Hospital

Did you know?

- The University of Leicester was created as a living memorial to those who lost their lives in WW1?
- What is now the Fielding Johnson Building at the university was the 5th Northern General Military Hospital during the war.

Stuck for ideas?

You can take this project wherever your creativity leads. Here are some ideas:

- Starting at the hospital you might want to research how and why the hospital was created and what life was like for its staff and patients, what treatments were available both in the hospital and on the battlefield.
- Tell the story of one of the patients. Did he survive? If not, where was he buried? How did he get injured and where did he get injured? Which regiment did he serve with? Which battle did he fight in and what were the conditions like?
- Before the war, where did he live? Is the street and house still there? What would life be like in that street in the war years? Which school did he go to and is that building still there? What did he do for a job? What would it have been like to work in that occupation?

Where to start? There is a huge amount of material available if you search for it.

About the 5th Northern General Hospital:

University of Leicester

You can start with the university's website, where there are a number of pages of interest which help to tell the story:

- www2.le.ac.uk/institution/ww1/hospital
- www2.le.ac.uk/institution/ww1/origins
- www2.le.ac.uk/institution/ww1/origins/letter-from-thomas-fielding-johnson

The university's oral history archive includes some memories of the hospital:

- www.le.ac.uk/emoha/community/resources/ww1/absence.html

You can visit the university to visit the Special Collections. To arrange an appointment please contact Simon Dixon at snd6@leicester.ac.uk

BBC

To view a BBC video about the hospital and what conditions were like visit

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01sl8yg



The Record Office

You can visit the Record office at Wigston.

To make an appointment please call 0116 257 1080 or email record.office@leics.gov.uk

A Century of Stories (the County Council's Heritage Lottery funded project)

The team at A Century of Stories can help you present your findings and advise you on how to go about your research. Please visit www.centuryofstories.org.uk or call 0116 305 5194 or email centuryofstories@leics.gov.uk

If you are interested, your project can be submitted to the Century of Stories Academic Panel (which is collating WW1 research and making it accessible to a wide audience) with an opportunity to present your findings at a special weekend conference (this is a purely optional arrangement!)

If you are specifically looking for information on a particular soldier, then these resources will help:

The Leicestershire War Memorials Project

This County Council project has an online database containing details of soldiers named on war memorials. You can search by name or memorial location. Please visit www.leicestershirewarmemorials.co.uk

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment

If your soldier fought with the Royal Leicestershire Regiment then their database is will be available at www.royalleicestershireregiment.org.uk. If he is on this database, you can find his Regiment number. Make a note of this as it will help you to find him more easily on other databases.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx

Information about soldiers who died, including their battalion and regiment, when they died and how old they were, and where they are buried / memorialised. Sometimes, some additional information about the soldier's family members and his address are also included. You can download a certificate which shows where they are buried or remembered near to where they died.

www.leicestershirewarmemorials.co.uk

Put the name of your war memorial into the search box. A lot of information has been added here. If there is no information about your soldier, you can add to the website database.

Your soldier before the war

Ancestry website is free to use from public libraries www.ancestry.co.uk

A Census is a legal document that collects basic information about people every 10 years. The first official census was made in 1841 and they are collected every 10 years. Censuses are only release to the public after 100 years and so the most modern census that we can see is 1911, just before the First World War.

Census results will provide information about your soldier's family and his address. However, if he was in the army in 1911, he may not be on the census and you will have to go straight to military records. You may also find his army service records which could provide details of your soldier's regiment and battalion and more!

If your soldier was a reservist, then he was probably in the army before the war at some time, but if he was conscripted then he was not. It is also worth just typing your soldier's name into Google!

Is his house still here?

Once you have your soldiers address, use Google maps to locate where he lived in relation to the school www.google.co.uk/maps/@?hl=en. You can zoom in to street view and you might find his house is still there. (You could then go and visit it!).

If his street has been demolished

<http://leicester.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p15407coll5>

You might find archive images of the street on which your soldier lives at Vanished Leicester; More than 1000 photographs of streets and individual buildings in Leicester demolished between 1955 to 1975, mainly as a result of the post-war slum clearance.

Please submit your project by 19th February 2017.

Visit www.leicestershire.gov.uk/llawards