LEGACIES OF RESISTANCE TO THE FIRST WORLD WAR

The WEA Scotland project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund seeks to empower learners to uncover the stories of Scotland’s conscientious objectors during the First World War, bringing to light their experiences and how objection shaped their lives and communities following the war.

What compelled people to say no and refuse to fight or take part in the First World War? What did this mean to communities across Scotland? How were conscientious objectors able to gain exemption? Who supported or opposed them?

BACKGROUND
The lived experience of conscientious objectors in Scotland during and after the First World War has largely been ignored. This project will seek to tell their stories as part of the centenary to help to bring to life the impact of the First World War on communities across Scotland.

This project will empower learners to uncover the stories that have shaped their communities and share them with others across the country.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
This project will build understanding of:
• The First World War
• The Home Front in Scotland
• The Peace & Anti-War Movement
• Political, Religious & Social Movements
• Military Tribunal & Exemption Process

And develop skills and confidence in:
• Social and Oral History
• Research & Navigating Archives
• Digital Literacy & Storytelling
• Creative Interpretation of Research
• Presentation Skills

LOCATIONS: Dundee, Edinburgh & Glasgow

DURATION: This is a 2-year project, the first course commences the last week of April 2017. Further details to follow.

FORMAT: The project will offer a number of 8 week courses, with one 2-hour session a week, alongside events and other learning opportunities

If you would like further information about the project (or the specific courses) please contact Nik Williams on n.williams@wea.org.uk