

## PRESS RELEASE

### YOUNG CORRESPONDENTS WILL BE EVERYWHERE AT IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM NORTH THIS SUMMER

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**Breaking news for families: everyone is a reporter this summer at Imperial War Museum North. Sharpen your pencils and take out your notepads. Budding journalists of all ages are being given a unique opportunity to discover the art of reporting.**

Special two day master classes for teenagers, fun activities for younger children and new adult tours are all free and timed to coincide with the critically acclaimed new exhibition **War Correspondent: reporting under fire since 1914**.

Families can learn how to get the big scoop. From 1-4pm every day of the school summer holidays there will be free, drop in craft activities. This includes a series of **Young Correspondent sessions**. Put pen to paper and compose your own newspaper front page. Report the story of one of our animal heroes or iconic large objects. Decorate your own journalist jotter for those all important notes and observations.

Enjoy **What A Performance** shows for families every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon throughout the summer, many of which bring to life the tale of a reporter during wartime. Hear the dramatic, family friendly story of a fictional journalist who worked under fire to bring the news home.

For young adults, there is something extra special. Could you be country's next star reporter like John Simpson or Kate Adie? Fancy being a young correspondent? Could you create a compelling report to tell the story of a war veteran?

If so, act fast and sign up for one of our special **Young Correspondent Master Classes**, delivered in partnership with BBC 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom. This is a unique opportunity to use the new BBC Learning Studio across from the Museum at MediaCityUK, develop journalism skills and engage with the Museum's themes and Collections.

Meet real eyewitnesses to conflict and tell the story of someone whose life has been shaped by war. Create your own films which will be screened on the BBC 21CC website. Book early; these two day master classes are free and places are limited. Visit [iwm.org.uk/north](http://iwm.org.uk/north) and email [learningnorth@iwm.org.uk](mailto:learningnorth@iwm.org.uk) to book or find out more.

All visitors can also join a 20 minute walk and talk exploring the Museum's Collections on selected Sundays. Hear about the changing nature of war reporting and explore a number of personal stories in our collections from the First World War to the present day. Visit [www.iwm.org.uk/north](http://www.iwm.org.uk/north) for more information on all events.

**War Correspondent: reporting under fire since 1914** is the UK's first major exhibition about British war correspondents, revealing the people behind the news – with many unique, historic items from household name reporters on display for the first time. See the bullet that deflected into Kate Adie's leg in the conflict in Lebanon and a burqa worn by John Simpson to secretly enter Afghanistan in 2001, alongside new and archive footage. Entry is free.

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*Jim Forrester, Director of Imperial War Museum North, said: 'With MediaCityUK opening here on The Quays this year, Imperial War Museum North have teamed up with the BBC to create a very special summer of family events. There's something for everyone, from fun activities for younger children to a remarkable chance for young adults to become Young Correspondents.'*

## NOTES TO EDITORS

There are a range of family friendly events taking place all summer. For full listings information please contact:

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## Visiting Imperial War Museum North with your family

Imperial War Museum North offers a great day out for all the family all year round with FREE ENTRY to the Museum, all the exhibitions and a wide variety of family friendly activities. There are free floorplans, trails, and regular tours to help navigate the fascinating building. There are free, self-operated lockers to store bags, lifts to all floors, accessible ground floor toilets and baby changing facilities.

The WaterShard Café offers children's portions and lunch bags, and colouring sheets are always available. An indoor picnic area is also available at weekends and in the school holidays for visitors to bring their own refreshments. The Museum Shop offers a range of pocket money purchases including souvenirs and stationery items.

## IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM NORTH

Open 7 days a week from 10am - 5pm with free admission The Quays, Trafford Wharf Road, Manchester M17 1TZ (close to MediaCityUK Metrolink and Junction 9 of the M60) T: 0161 836 4000 E:[iwmnorth@iwm.org.uk](mailto:iwmnorth@iwm.org.uk) [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

The multi-award winning Imperial War Museum North is a great free day out for all ages. Designed by world-renowned architect Daniel Libeskind to represent a globe shattered by conflict. It reveals how war shapes lives through powerful exhibitions, the Big Picture (a 360 degree light and sound show), tours, object handling sessions, and family activities all available daily. Visit the cafe, shop and viewing platform offering views over The Quays.

The Museum tells the story of how war has affected the lives of British and Commonwealth citizens since 1914. It is the 5th branch of the Imperial War Museum and the first outside the South East of England. Named Large Visitor Attraction of the Year, Silver Winner, at the Enjoy England Awards 2010, one of the top 10 buildings of the last century (The Rough Guide to England, 2008) and one of the top 3 Large Visitor Attractions in England (Silver Award at VisitBritain's Excellence in England Awards 2007).

Imperial War Museum North is a charity and much of the work the Museum does, from unique exhibitions to learning programmes with the local community, relies on the generosity of trusts,

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foundations, the business community, a corporate members scheme and individual giving. IWM North is extremely grateful to its current and past supporters.

## IMPERIALWAR MUSEUM

The national museum of the experiences of people who have lived, fought and died in conflicts involving Britain and the Commonwealth since 1914.

The Imperial War Museum is the museum of everyone's story: the history of modern conflict told through the stories of those who were there. It is an educational and historical institution responsible for archives, collections and sites of outstanding national importance.

The Museum's five branches are Imperial War Museum London, with six floors of exhibitions and displays; The Churchill War Rooms, housed in Churchill's secret headquarters below Whitehall; the Second World War cruiser HMS Belfast; Imperial War Museum Duxford, a world renowned aviation museum and former Second World War airfield; and Imperial War Museum North, housed in a spectacular award-winning building designed by Daniel Libeskind.

## IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM COLLECTION

The Imperial War Museum has an incomparable collection covering the military and civilian experience of war and conflict involving Britain and the Commonwealth since 1900. This includes one of the largest and most important collections of modern British art in the world; a multimedia archive of film, video, photography and sound; documents including personal diaries, letters and maps; objects ranging from military equipment and uniforms, personal possessions, decorations and awards, vehicles and aircraft; and a national reference library.

The Collection is an invaluable resource for academic researchers and amateur historians; it can be searched online and can be accessed, from May 2010 in the new *Explore History Room* at Imperial War Museum London. [www.iwmcollections.org.uk](http://www.iwmcollections.org.uk)

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