

The project, which has been funded by A First World War: then and now grant of £9,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), commemorates the centenary of India's service in the First World War. This vibrant community afternoon is open to all to enjoy and participate in the activities we plan to offer.

Date: 8 March 2015
Venue : Orange Box Centre , Halifax
Time 2pm till 4pm. (FREE EVENT)

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Calderdale based Annapurna Indian Dance has received support from HLF for their forthcoming project, The Unknown becomes Known, which commemorates the centenary of India's contribution during the First World War.

The project aims to reveal the untold story of the contribution of soldiers from undivided colonial India to the First World War. Annapurna will be hosting three public events in Calderdale which will involve members of the communities with the aim to increase public awareness of this aspect of history. As part of the project Annapurna will also deliver workshops in schools and colleges across Yorkshire to educate young people through accessible and enjoyable workshops on this sensitive topic.

Chair Amanda Crowther said “Annapurna is delighted to have received Heritage Lottery Funding support for our ambitious project The Unknown becomes Known. We are confident and believe sincerely that our project has immense potential to bring positive benefits to communities in broadening their collective understanding and awareness of this hugely important aspect of history and of race, empire and cultures. It is a great opportunity for us to celebrate the values of commonwealth and explain and interpret its heritage of with refreshing new perspectives”.

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Explaining the importance of the HLF support, the Head of HLF in Yorkshire and the Humber, Fiona Spiers, said: “The impact of the First World War was far reaching, touching and shaping every corner of the UK and beyond. HLF has already invested more than £64million in projects – large and small - that are marking this global Centenary; with our small grants programme, we are enabling even more communities like those involved in The Unknown Becomes Know project to explore the continuing legacy of this conflict and help local young people in particular to broaden their understanding of how it has shaped our modern world.”

Notes to editors

Annapurna Indian Dance is a not for profit making company based in Calderdale with the aim to foster harmony and integration between communities through people through accessible and enjoyable Indian Dance projects.

Further information

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