A Land Fit For Heroes: War and the Working Class

Picture to be used in the exhibition which shows a protest march in 1915

A Land Fit For Heroes will look at how the First World War changed society, radically altering the social, economic, cultural and political outlook of the British people.

The exhibition will not focus on the battles and military aspects of the war, but focuses instead on the people. It will look at why people supported the war (and those that didn't), the role that women played in the war effort, how home life was radically changed, the influence the war had on politics and the labour movement and life after the war.

There will be an events programme and learning activities associated with the exhibition. More details will be available on the museum's website nearer the time.

Sara Hilton, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund North West, said: "*A Land Fit For Heroes* is set to be a fascinating exhibition that will shed light on the devastating effects of the First World War with a focus on people rather than battles. From looking at how the families left behind coped to how our political landscape shifted, this project will help piece together these complex stories. HLF has already invested £47m into projects marking the Centenary and we are committed to helping communities across the country explore how the conflict shaped our modern world."

The exhibition forms part of the First World War Centenary Programme being led on a national basis by Imperial War Museum. More information online at can be found at the IWM website.

Notes to editors

About People's History Museum

People's History Museum is a national museum telling the story of the development of democracy in Britain - 'there have always been ideas worth fighting for'. The museum is based in Spinningfields in Manchester city centre. The Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) is one of the museum's main funders.

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