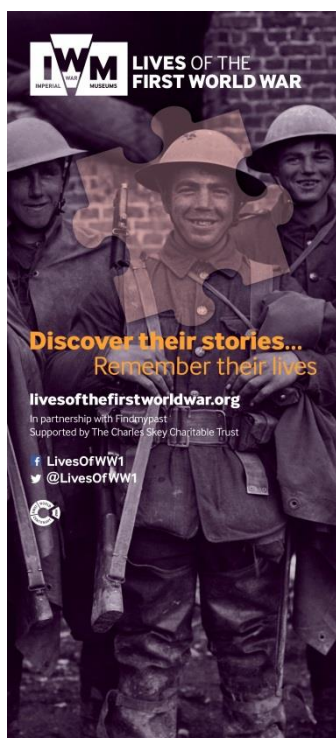


# Lives of the First World War: Creating a Digital Memorial

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[Lives of the First World War](#) is Imperial War Museums' online platform to discover, remember and share stories of men and women who contributed to the British war effort in the First World War. In the digital age, we aim to fulfil the original IWM mission statement to commemorate 'the toil and sacrifice' of more than 7.5 million people from across the Empire and Commonwealth. Our vision is to enrich people's understanding of the First World War through telling powerful stories of ordinary individuals living through extraordinary times.

Since May 2014 thousands of people have uploaded precious family photographs, shared anecdotes and connected military and genealogical records to this permanent digital memorial. In this talk, Project Manager Charlotte Czyzyk will highlight some of the fascinating stories that have come to light, and illustrate how the site is populated by members of the public, cultural organisations, community groups and academics alike. She will also advise delegates on how to use Lives of the First World War to create a rich legacy for their research and projects.

