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Southern Voices World War One project wins Heritage Lottery Fund support!

Today, Southern Voices (Manchester) has received £60,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project, 'Out of the Shadows: 1914-18 Perspectives of Colonised People' based in Manchester.

The project will explore the role and experiences of the colonised peoples of the British West Indies, Nigeria, India, German and British East Africa during the First World War. We will be pleased to be working with the People's History Museum, the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust, the Imperial War Museum War Museum of the North, the Z-Arts Centre, Whalley Range Youth Opportunities Association, Chorlton High School and the Jamaica Society among others. We will be producing an exhibition, educational resources available via a website, a programme of workshops and talks.

It will be an opportunity for people to gain a different perspective of the war through the eyes of people who were colonial subjects at the time.

Commenting on the award, Deyika Nzeribe of Southern Voices said: "We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund for our First World War project. The facts and the stories of colonised people of the time are part of hidden history. Did you know for example, that the first shot of WW1 by British troops occurred in West Africa, not in Europe? This will be a great project."

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Notes to editors

About Southern Voices

“Until lions have their historians, tales of the hunt will always glorify the hunters.”

SV is a network of people committed to bringing the knowledge and understanding of Southern and Black people to the global issues that are central to education and to living in the world today. It's focus is the relationship and issues affecting the countries of the South and the North and it aimed to bring southern voices to fora where these issues were analysed, debated, policy decided and knowledge negotiated but where southern perspectives were seldom heard.

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

From the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife, we use National Lottery players' money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about. www.hlf.org.uk.

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