

# Call for Papers

The National Museum of Ireland - Decorative Arts & History will be holding a conference:

## **Soldiers and Civilians – Experiences and Memories of the First World War**

(Working Title)

Saturday, 25 October 2014

This is the seventh conference hosted by the National Museum of Ireland on World War One. The purpose of this conference is to explore **personal and collective experiences** of the First World War as well as **memories** and ways of **commemorating** the War, both in Ireland and internationally.

Papers may deal with any of the aspects of this subject and we welcome proposals from all disciplines; whether you are a historian, artist, postgraduate student, heritage professional, independent researcher, collector or descendant of someone who fought in the War.

### **Experiencing the War**

- What did men and women in uniform, and prisoners or civilians experience during the War?
- What did they feel, see and use?
- Whom and what did they encounter?
- What were the experiences and realities of this first 'total' war?

This includes **physical and psychological experiences at the war and home front**, for example, experiences of *space, shortages, destruction, death, injury, trauma, loss and mourning but also faith, ideology and motivations*.

### **Memory and Commemoration**

- Collective and individual memories of the War: in Ireland, north and south of the border, and outside Ireland
- Representations and commemoration in the public sphere, for example in museums and galleries, both during and after the conflict.
- Memory and material culture of World War One

Individual papers will last for 20 minutes and anyone interested in presenting their work should submit a short Curriculum Vitae *or* biographical note along with an abstract of no more than 300 words to the below addresses before **Thursday 7 August 2014**.

The conference will be held at the National Museum of Ireland - Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Benburb St, Dublin 7.

Email proposals to [eandrees@museum.ie](mailto:eandrees@museum.ie) or by post to

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