

Maria Miller MP  
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Dear Maria,

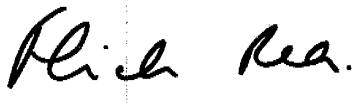
The LGA and the councils we represent strongly welcomed the Prime Minister's recent announcement on plans to mark the First World War centenary.

Councils are very keen to help their local communities commemorate the centenary by building upon their important role in preserving the memory and sharing the learning of the First World War. For example, through memorials, commemoration services and working in partnerships with schools and libraries to share archives and stories about local people's role in the First World War.

I am especially keen to explore with you how we might support councils to commemorate the local Pals battalions given their continued importance to a sense of community and shared history. As I'm sure you know councils including Preston, Liverpool and North East Lincolnshire continue to organise commemorations and activities based upon local Pals battalions and will be keen to give particular focus to this in 2014.

I would be pleased to contribute to the work of the Advisory Board and look forward to continuing to work with you and Andrew to support councils to engage communities in the commemorations.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Flick Rea  
Chair LGA Culture, Tourism and Sport Board

CC: Andrew Murrison MP