

World War One Jews project will expand to the north-east

A LANDMARK digital heritage project which launched five years ago is continuing to thrive.

British Jews in the First World War — We Were There Too became the focal point for the UK Jewish community's 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, in 2016.

The first stage of the project recorded the lives of London Jews during the First World War and concentrated on building a digital platform, Jewswww.uk

Since then, there have been more than 211,000 visits to the website.

The project has also seen a growing range of educational and informative resources available which have been taken up by schools and community organisations.

In October 2018, as We Were There Too was preparing to expand into the North-West, the National Lottery Heritage Fund held an event to showcase a few of the projects it had supported as part of the commemoration of the centenary of the First World War.

And, out of 12 projects, it was the only digital heritage project to be featured. The North West Project, the second phase, was launched in January, 2019.

A base was established at JLGB's Manchester office and a programme was created to secure sponsorship and encourage community engagement.

More than 1,200 adults and 1,160 young people attended face-to-face events at a variety of venues, including the launches at Princes Road Synagogue Liverpool and Manchester King David High School.

The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers also hosted a presentation evening and four-day exhibition at its museum in Bury.

We Were There Too is now seeking funds for its third stage and planning to expand into the North-East, Yorkshire and Humberside.

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