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## Southend Schools Festival of Remembrance



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Saturday 11th November 2017



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# Reconnecting the school children of Southend with the importance of Remembrance.



*Training at the Shoebury War Dogs School.*

Connecting children to their past is not always easy and just using times and dates, kings and queens can leave the younger generation uninspired. The Southend Schools Festival of Remembrance works with the stories of the Southenders who lived during the Great War and beyond to help pupils understand that the lives of everyone now and from the past is contributing to their heritage.



We are currently working with schools in Southend, Leigh, Shoeburyness and Westcliff to build a Children's Poppy Exhibition in November this year.

The exhibition will be held at the Rose Garden below the Southend Cenotaph the week before Remembrance Sunday.

Project Artist Mary Lister is leading the poppy making lessons with children of all ages and the aim is to make around 3000 clay poppies before the day.




*Poppy making with SSFR Artist Mary Lister.*

## Would you like to make poppies, volunteer for the project or have your group take part in SSFR?



If you would like your community group to make some poppies, or have a story of a relative who was around during the Great War era, or are interested in volunteering for the Southend Schools Festival of Remembrance, then please contact us at: [ssfr@blade-education.org.uk](mailto:ssfr@blade-education.org.uk) or see our website [www.ssfr.org.uk](http://www.ssfr.org.uk)

You don't need to **LIVE ON**  have served in the Armed Forces to join the brilliant work of the Royal British Legion to promote Remembrance and be a voice for past and present Service Personnel. If you are interested in joining the RBL or would just like to help with the Annual Poppy Appeal, then please contact the Leigh-on-Sea Branch Secretary, Bob O'Leary at [boboleary@btinternet.com](mailto:boboleary@btinternet.com)