

Call for volunteers

Join the Somme 100 Pals

We are looking for 400 volunteers to take part in a unique performance to commemorate the lives of those who served in or were affected by the Battle of the Somme 100 years ago. We need enthusiastic people aged 18 or over, male or female, who'll relish the opportunity to become involved in a truly one-of-a-kind, historic event.

We're asking you to be part of a short movement-based dance piece – though no previous experience is required.

You will join an outstanding and inspiring line-up, including the Hallé Orchestra, poet Lemn Sissay OBE, and a children's choir of 300, performing to an outdoor audience of thousands. Tutored by professional choreographers Lucy Hind and Dan Watson, whose previous work has included movement and dance pieces for the London 2012 Paralympics opening ceremony, you'll be dressed in a specially made-to-measure costume as a member of the 'Somme100 Pals'. The performance will be a moving tribute to the many Pals' battalions from the region and across the UK whose devastating losses impacted on whole communities.

Experience of dance or performance is *not* important; our skilled choreographers will guide you through four rehearsals on site at Heaton Park, and online tutorials.

Rehearsals and the performance will take place in Heaton Park, and we'd like people from all Greater Manchester boroughs to apply. We welcome people of all abilities. Access needs will be catered for and we can help with travel expenses if necessary.

Our only essential recruitment criteria are that a) you commit to attending all four scheduled rehearsals in June and the performance itself on Friday 1 July from 6pm, and b) you are excited to be involved in something out of the ordinary.

Register NOW using the online application form at www.manchester.gov.uk/somme100