

# Bringing history to life



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**YOUNG** people brought history to life when they made a film inspired by Dacorum's heritage.

The Dacorum Heritage Trust opened its archives to budding filmmakers who premiered the resulting movies in Berkhamsted last Thursday.

Five volunteers aged 18 to 25 made three short films about the First World War by investigating members of the public, local war heroes and what the borough was like at the time.

The talented team, brought together by youth volunteering scheme Vinvolved, spent the summer writing scripts and developing story boards.

They then borrowed costumes and props from local history societies before filming, acting in, and editing the footage.

Trust assistant curator Nina Bevan said: "The aims of the project Was to give young people a voice and allow the objects to be interpreted in a new and different way for the first time.

"It was also to widen public access to the collection."

She added: "They chose the First World War because much more is known about the history and implications of the Second World War locally, and because it's just beyond living memory- they wanted to interpret this period and present it from a different perspective."

The films were premiered to invited guests, including the mayors of Berkhamsted and Dacorum, at Berkhamsted School Library in Castle Street. They can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/user/DacHeritage](http://www.youtube.com/user/DacHeritage).