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**In the darkest moments of history, it is often through poetry that we see the human spirit endure.**

On Thursday 7th May Poet in the City, in partnership with the Museum of Richmond, presents an event commemorating the voices of the First World War.

Using poetry as our guide, we explore the human experience of war; from the poets who have become beacons of truth in a complex and harrowing time, to the lesser known but fascinating experiences of women documented through their own poetry and prose.

Poet, and former poet in residence at the Imperial War Museum, **Mario Petrucci** is joined by writer and academic **Anne Varty**, with live readings from actor **Christopher Naylor**, in an event which brings together the local and national resonances of a worldwide conflict.

This event is part of **a World War One project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund**  ‘**1914-1918 Richmond at Home and at War: Local stories and their International Links’**

**Event details: 7pm Thursday 7th May 2015**

**The Riverside Room, The Old Town Hall, Whittaker Ave, Richmond, TW9 1TP**

Tickets £7 (£5 concession) and can be purchased via http://voicesfromthewar.eventbrite.co.uk

**Notes to editors**

**Poet in the City** is a registered charity committed to attracting new audiences to poetry, making new connections for poetry, and raising money to support poetry education.

For more information about the charity telephone 0207 014 2812, email info@poetinthecity.co.uk, visit the website at www.poetinthecity.co.uk or write to Poet in the City, Kings Place Music Foundation, Music Base, 90 York Way, London, N1 9AG.

**The Museum of Richmond** is an independent museum, registered as a private company limited by Guarantee and a registered charity. While it receives financial support from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames through Commissioning, this does not cover the running costs, so the Museum depends on pro-actively fund-raising in order to be able to open, look after its collections and to offer its regular programme of exhibitions, education sessions for schools and adult and family events.

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