

Dear colleague.

Please find attached advance details of a very exciting collaboration between Cinema City, the East Anglian Film Archive and Norwich Playhouse.

Billed as 'THE HOME FRONT', during the day KEY STAGE 2 pupils will get a taste of life as it was experienced on the Home Front during WW2, spending the day as evacuees in the theatre building, which will be suitably altered for the purpose. In the guise of an ARP warden, Stewart Orr (independent sound engineer and lecturer at Norwich City College) will take children through the momentous issues of the war through the eyes and ears of ordinary people living on the Home Front. The use of films and original radio recordings from the war will provide a vivid audio-visual aid to bring the 1940s to life. A uniquely regional perspective will be provided by the use of films from the East Anglian Film Archive's collection.

Details are still being finalised but we intend to offer the event over four days in June (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) at Norwich Playhouse. We are waiting to hear on a final funding application, but we anticipate that the cost of the day will be around £2.50 per pupil with teachers admitted free.

Nonetheless, I wanted to make sure you had enough advance word on this as possible, so if you are interested and would like to reserve places please respond to me with details of your school, year group/s you would like to bring and your preferred date.

Best wishes

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This event is developed and delivered as part of the Moving Image Education Consortium for Norfolk.

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# **HOME FRONT**

**8/9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

**cost per child £2.50 (tbc)**

**teachers free**

The Home Front event is a recreation of life on the Home Front for schoolchildren in Norwich and the surrounding area. It is being organised as a partnership between the East Anglian Film Archive, Cinema City, the Norwich Playhouse Theatre, and Stewart Orr, an independent sound engineer and lecturer at Norwich City College. 'The Home Front' will take place as four separate one-day events in June 2005.

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The whole day will be played in role. Children are encouraged to dress up, as are all teachers and helpers at the event. After the morning's presentation the afternoon will be given over to various activities which will deal with different aspects of life on the Home Front. Children will learn about rationing, Make Do and Mend and Dig for Victory. There will be a working, interactive museum of communications equipment such as old radios, gramophones, telephones and crystal sets, and children will have the opportunity to learn the rudiments of Morse Code.

The day is aimed at Key Stage 2 and is designed to supplement learning children have already undertaken in school. The experience will put this learning into context, as pupils see how momentous world events affected ordinary people and their everyday lives. The day and its activities cover many disciplines. Although most broadly coming under the heading of humanities and history, it covers geography and science and there is also potential for art, English, music and drama to be explored through preparatory and follow-up work undertaken in schools and presentations that pupils will give on the day.

The event will be a memorable, educational and fun day for the pupils. It will encourage active thought about the Second World War and its repercussions on everyday life, allowing pupils to compare their own experiences and values with those of the generations that lived through the war. It will give them a greater sense of empathy with this older generation, and has the potential to be further built upon by schools by encouraging projects involving veterans and people who experienced the war-years first hand.

The day will run from 10am –2.30pm and each child will receive a signed certificate to commemorate the day.

*The East Anglian Film Archive (part of the School of Film and Television Studies at the University of East Anglia) is the public moving image archive for the East of England Region.).*

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