

## WWI FOOTBALL REMEMBERS PROJECTS

Country	Project details
Austria	The Embassy in Vienna will play a friendly 5-a-side game against the Austrian Ministry of Finance.
Bolivia	3600m above sea level, a team of British Embassy staff will play Oruro Royal Football Club, which was the first football club in Bolivia and was set up by British engineers in 1896.
Bosnia	This project will bring together football teams from 8 different areas in BiH for a day in Sarajevo to play a football tournament. Students will have the opportunity to meet and interact with their peers from all three ethnic communities. Colleagues from the embassy and teachers will be encouraged to help them break “initial silence” and the process will be supplemented by educational resources.
Botswana	Working with the Botswana National Football coach, the project will promote football as a tool for reconciliation and social inclusivity. This will be a one-day tournament bringing together members of the diplomatic community, with additional youth matches.
Brazil	The British and German Consulates in Rio will play alongside players from the local community and the police, bringing to a younger audience a better understanding of WWI, and to use football as a tool for promoting social inclusion and values such as fair play, respect, discipline and co-operation.
Cambodia	The British Embassy in Phnom Penh is organising a 5-a-side football tournament between the: UK, French, German and EU Delegation on December 11 <sup>th</sup> . Each Embassy is joining with a different local Cambodian high school to make a mixed team of embassy staff and high school students. The Embassies will visit their schools before the event to tell them about the message behind the tournament.
Ghana	Two local Ghanaian football teams (U18) will play against each other. The match will take place after a small Church Service and education on Remembrance Day/WWI. The two teams will be formed up from local youth (U18) who are from broken homes and is part of a charity project which gives them hope and direction.
Hungary	The British Embassy in Budapest will organise a friendly match with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to commemorate the Christmas Truce.
Israel	There are very limited opportunities for young Jewish and Arab Israelis to interact. The British Embassy in Tel Aviv will organise a football tournament in conjunction with ‘the Equalizer’, a major youth football league run by former Israeli Premiership players which brings together young Jewish and Arab teams to play football, interact, build co-existence and reconciliation between Israel’s disparate communities. The tournament will involve 12 teams, and 200 young players drawn from Arab and Jewish communities across northern Israel. The Embassy will use British Council ‘Football Remembers’ materials with local schools, and media to build an awareness of the Football Truce and the powerful message it sends about peace and reconciliation through football.
Kosovo	A football game will be held in the Pristina Sports Centre, Kosovo, on 12 December between military personnel from KFOR (NATO Kosovo Force) to create the informal truce that took place in Belgium at Christmas 1914. This will be a unique project as it will take place in a country that there is still some community conflict and requires international military and civilian personnel to provide wider security. Secondly the

	array of countries represented on the pitch will be extremely inclusive and varied and will include representative from many of the countries that participated in WWI, who are now currently supporting the KFOR mission.
Malawi	The British High Commission are organising a Diplomats vs Malawi Military match in Lilongwe. The game will take place as a 'warm up match' prior to the big Malawi Super League clash between Silver Strikers and Azam Tigers. The High Commission are using the event to raise much needed funds for the Malawi Defence Force Veterans, a charity they have supported throughout 2014.
Malaysia	The High Commission are hosting two matches: British High Commission and German Embassy vs. Kuala Lumpur Youth Soccer; and children of staff from British High Commission and German Embassy vs. Kuala Lumpur Youth Soccer. At the end of the matches, the children will release 100 helium balloons with the hashtag "#footballremembers".
New Zealand	The High Commission is working with German and French Embassies in Wellington and a range of local partners - including FIFA - to host a one-day, 5-a-side competition with 32 schools from the Wellington area, designed to provide relevance to the current younger New Zealand generation of the sacrifices made in WWI. Education sessions will be included throughout the day, complementing the education programmes most schools in NZ are following on WW1.
Oman	The British Embassy in Muscat and the British Council will organise a football game on Tuesday 9 December between Arsenal school in Muscat and the local British school to commemorate the centenary of the First World War Christmas Truce. The age group of the players would be 13-14 years old.
Pakistan	A match will be held with the Pakistani against a Commonwealth invitational side to bring the story of the Christmas Truce to a wider audience and also highlight the shared history.
PNG	The plan is for a 5-a-side round robin football tournament involving 6 teams from G Olympic Committee, NGOs, Foreign Missions, PNG Football Association and its 'Just Play Programme' involving disadvantaged children. The event will be used to raise awareness of the First World War, educate people about gender violence, focussing on Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative and promote community spirit.
Russia	Working with a local charity, the Embassy will host a football match between children from a Moscow orphanage and children from the international community. After the match, the children will create a collaborative piece of art which will be used to promote the story on social media sites.
Senegal	Working closely with the British Council, the Embassy is organising a football tournament for young people, using coaches from the Premier Skills Programme. Alongside the final there will be an Exhibition Match involving the Embassies of the UK, France, Germany, Belgium as well as the Senegalese and French military. Ambassadors will play and evoke issues such as reconciliation, peace, conflict resolution and disarmament with reference to West Africa.
South Africa	The British and German Consuls General will host matches played by young South Africans and volunteers from the UK and Germany.
Sri Lanka	Working in conjunction with <i>Sri Lanka Unites</i> (a young leaders' programme promoting reconciliation), the project will bring together 40-50 young people for a two day session based on the ideas of the Christmas Truce. The football matches will be followed by a multi-lingual carol service and reception for Sri Lankan Government, officials and civil

	society representatives engaged in remembrance and reconciliation work.
Taiwan	The British Trade and Cultural Office will hold a football match at the Taipei European School in conjunction with the Chinese Taipei Football Association. Participants will have a penalty kick competition, followed by a 7-a-side football match. Participants will include politicians from the two main political parties, and school children from the British, French and German sections of the school.
Togo	The British High Commission Accra football team will travel to Lomé, Togo, to play a football match against the Togolese military in the national stadium. The stadium will be open for supporters free of charge. This project will build on an event held in Togo in August to mark the role of Togo and Ghana in WWI. The two events reflect the developing relationship between Togo and the UK.
UAE	The Embassy will work with a local sporting community league which organises football tournaments 5 nights a week. Some 120 teams in the league are expected to play football in the week of 6 – 14 December.
US – Atlanta	On 13 December, in conjunction with the German Consulate there will be a football match between teams manned by local British and German nationals and “managed” by the Consuls General of each Consulate. The President of the new MLS team in Atlanta, who used to work for Tottenham as their Director of Operations, will play for the British side.
US – LA	The British Consulate General is organising a 'Soccer Remembers' game featuring the entertainment, diplomatic, military and business community around Los Angeles.  The game, organised jointly with BAFTA, will also promote British talent in Hollywood and US-UK business links.
US – United Nations, Geneva & NY	In NY, the Missions of the UK and Germany to the UN will host an event to commemorate the Christmas Truce on 5 December. The UN Secretary-General will attend and participate. There will be readings from letters recording the events of Christmas 1914, some carol singing and there will be opportunity for those who want to participate in a football penalty shootout.  In Geneva, a match will take place between the UK and German missions.
US – Washington	The plan is to hold two football games, one adult's, one children's' in central DC. There will be a pitchside Christmas Truce themed educational reception featuring stands raising wider WWI points of interest and veterans issues. The project will also further the UK's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.