

### Dear Member,

Despite the challenging circumstances we've all faced the last few months, we've seen our Branches, Members, staff and volunteers going above and beyond to support their communities and find innovative ways to stay connected while in lockdown. From commemorating VE Day 75 to making sure that those most vulnerable in the Armed Forces community are not forgotten, the strong community spirit is evident.

This year we are continuing our partnership with the Jo Cox Foundation encouraging everyone to take part in the Great Get Together. Reminded by something that Jo Cox used to say - that we should focus on what we can do, rather than what we can't do – all are invited to organise or support activities aiming to bring people together and especially those who might be experiencing social isolation and loneliness.

So this **19 - 21 June**, we're asking everyone to **join us in celebrating the power of community**. Obviously any Great Get Together activity must follow the government's physical distancing rules, but as we have seen in recent weeks, people have been hugely innovative in finding new ways to connect, support each other, be together; and have fun!

Whether it's a street sing along, socially distanced dancing or sending letters with kind messages to strangers there are many ways to join in and carry out an act of community kindness.

"Since 2017, The Great Get Together has been uniting communities around the UK. This year, with all of the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic has brought, I believe it's more important than ever to come together and celebrate that, as my sister Jo said, we have more in common than that which divides us. Working with partners is key to the success of The Great Get Together, and I'm delighted to be working with The Royal British Legion again to bring the country together in celebrating the power of community."

Kim Leadbeater, Ambassador, Jo Cox Foundation, Jo's sister





From creating a community recipe book to starting a collaborative chalk art mural there are many activities you can organise. You'll find a list of suggestions on the Great Get Together's website. You can also come up with your own ideas that might be best for your community.

Find out more >



## SHARE YOUR ACTIVITY BY REGISTERING IT ONLINE

Are you planning to put together a Great Get Together activity? We'd like to hear about all the Great Get Together activities organised or supported by you so please register your activity online. The registration process is easy, and can be completed in a few short steps.

Register your activity >



# DOWNLOAD THE RESOURCES PACK FOR YOUR ACTIVITY

To support you with your activities we've worked with the Jo Cox Foundation to create a cobranded pack of resources that can be used to promote your activity and raise awareness of the Great Get Together initiative. Visit our website to find out more and download the pack that includes postcards, posters and more.

Download the pack >

### **ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN**

Our members play a vital role in ensuring that The Royal British Legion can continue to provide support to the Armed Forces community as well as upholding the importance of Remembrance. Share this email with others you think might be interested in Legion membership.

Join now!

If you have any questions about the Great Get Together, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about your membership card or want to change your home or email address please contact our Membership Services team <a href="MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk">MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk</a>

Best wishes,

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