

# LEARNING AT THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE

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NEWARK MUSEUM



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## Our Mission

We are passionate about bringing this turbulent period of history to life through hands-on activities, stunning gallery displays and engaging resources.

Experience a world turned upside down through our interactive, curriculum-linked sessions, led by experienced and knowledgeable educators.

We bring together teaching experience, academic knowledge, performance skills and a commitment to partnership working, creative practice and fun, to offer a high-quality learning experience for you and your pupils.



# OUR LEARNING OFFER

**In-person Sessions:** All of our sessions are fully facilitated and inclusive. Your pupils can meet a 17th-century character and explore the town, train as Civil War soldiers, try to survive a siege, crack codes as spies and explore our breath-taking galleries.

**Digital Sessions:** Unable to visit the museum? We offer livestreamed sessions to one or more classrooms using your choice of digital platform.

**Discovery Boxes:** Enhance your classroom teaching with replica objects and accompanying activities.

**Remote Resources:** Our free-to-access online resource 'Upside-Down World' includes real, accessible 17th-century source material, 3D scanned museum objects and downloadable classroom activities to resource enquiry-based learning in the KS2 classroom before, after or instead of a visit.

**We also offer sessions on other historical periods including Prehistory, Anglo Saxons and the Medieval period, as well as a range of loans boxes. More information can be found in the Other Schools Sessions section on our website.**

"AN EXCELLENT VISIT, PROVIDING GOOD EDUCATIONAL CONTENT IN A FUN WAY"

"ALL OUR STAFF AND PUPILS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THEIR VISIT TO THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE. THE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WAS GREAT AND VERY WELL ORGANISED"

"THE ENTHUSIASM SHOWN BY THE FACILITATORS LEADING THE ACTIVITIES WAS INFECTIOUS"

"OUR FACILITATOR WAS FANTASTIC, SUPER ENGAGING ALL DAY"

# TAKE A TRIP TO THE 17TH CENTURY

## Every visit includes:

- a fully facilitated visit to our breath-taking Civil War Gallery and Cinema Experience
- a fast-paced, interactive introduction to the causes and events of the British Civil Wars
- your choice of sessions from the list below

**We recommend our Arms and Armour session and your choice of one or two other workshops (see list below), but your programme can be tailored to your requirements.**

SESSION TITLE	SESSION CONTENT	IN PERSON	DIGITAL	LOANS BOX
<b>KEY STAGE ONE</b>				
Arms & Armour	Help the King defend Newark. Take part in army training in our interactive and object-based session. Dress up as different types of soldiers and handle replica weapons from the battlefield.	●		●
One Man and his Dog	Meet Prince Rupert and his magical pet dog Boye in this puppet-based storytelling session. Learn about Roundheads and Cavaliers and why they were fighting, handle replica objects and find out how Prince Rupert saved the important town of Newark.	●		
<b>KEY STAGE TWO</b>				
Arms & Armour	Train as an infantry soldier and investigate replica armour and weapons used on the Civil War battlefield. Learn about different types of soldiers, find out how they fought and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their equipment.	●		●
'Last Town Standing' Town Tour	Meet John or Elizabeth Twentyman. Walk with them to find Newark's surviving Civil War buildings and hear the stories they help to tell. Discover why Newark was such an important town and learn about sieges in this fun participatory tour.  An outdoor session that requires appropriate footwear and clothing	●		●
Besieged	Survive a siege in 1646. Bring to life the real townspeople of Newark during its third and final siege. Work in groups to solve the problems faced by the town and learn about civilian life during the conflict.	●	●	●

Civil War Spies	Join a spy ring and become part of the King's intelligence network. Guided by a 17 <sup>th</sup> -century spy, crack coded messages and decide which East Midlands town should become the King's 'Key to the North'. This hands-on session introduces pupils to Civil War spying techniques and the strategy needed to win a war.	●		●
Mr Clifton's Cupboard	Meet Mr Clifton, Newark's barber surgeon, and find out how wounds were treated in the 17 <sup>th</sup> century though object handling and film.	●		●



# VISIT INFORMATION

## PRICES PER STUDENT

<b>Half day visit:</b> Gallery visit and 1 workshop	£4.50
<b>Full day visit 1:</b> Gallery Visit and 2 workshops	£7.00 (Arrive 10.15 Depart 2.30)
<b>Full day visit 2:</b> Gallery Visit and 3 workshops	£8.00 (Arrive 9.30 Depart 2.30)

**(Accompanying adults are free for groups of 12+)**

## Parking

Your bus can pull into a convenient drop-off bay outside St Mary's church, opposite the museum. Longer stay parking information for coach drivers can be found at [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/carparklocations](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/carparklocations).

## Arrival

Arrival runs smoothly if students are seated in pre-arranged groups and disembark in group order. A member of the Learning Team will greet you and help lead the students safely inside the museum to leave their bags and coats in a designated lunch space.

## Itineraries

Timetables are provided for each member of staff on the day of your visit. These are only provided in advance for bookings of more than 90 students.

*Sample timetables can be viewed on our website.*

## Shop visits

A visit to our shop for pocket money treats can be arranged only if booked in advance.

## Risk Assessments

Risk assessment guidance and other FAQs can be found on our website.



# HOW TO BOOK A LEARNING VISIT

1. Identify 3-4 possible dates for your visit.
2. Choose your sessions from the list above.
3. Email [civilwarlearning@nsdc.info](mailto:civilwarlearning@nsdc.info) to enquire about availability. Please include:
  - Your 3-4 preferred visit dates
  - The number and year group of your participants
  - Any additional needs in your group
  - The sessions you would like to include in your programme.
  - Your preferred arrival and departure time
4. Please allow 7 working days for a response. During this time, you may find it useful to check our FAQs and Essential Information online.
5. A confirmation letter will be sent to you once your booking is finalised.
6. You can cancel or amend your visit without penalty up to 14 calendar days before the booked date. We will invoice you after your visit for the number of children booked in our calendar on this date.
7. You and a colleague are most welcome to visit the museum free of charge to familiarise yourself with our site in normal opening hours, without prior booking. Please show a copy of your confirmation letter when you arrive. You can find our opening hours on our web site.





KEY STAGE 2

THE BRITISH  
CIVIL WARS

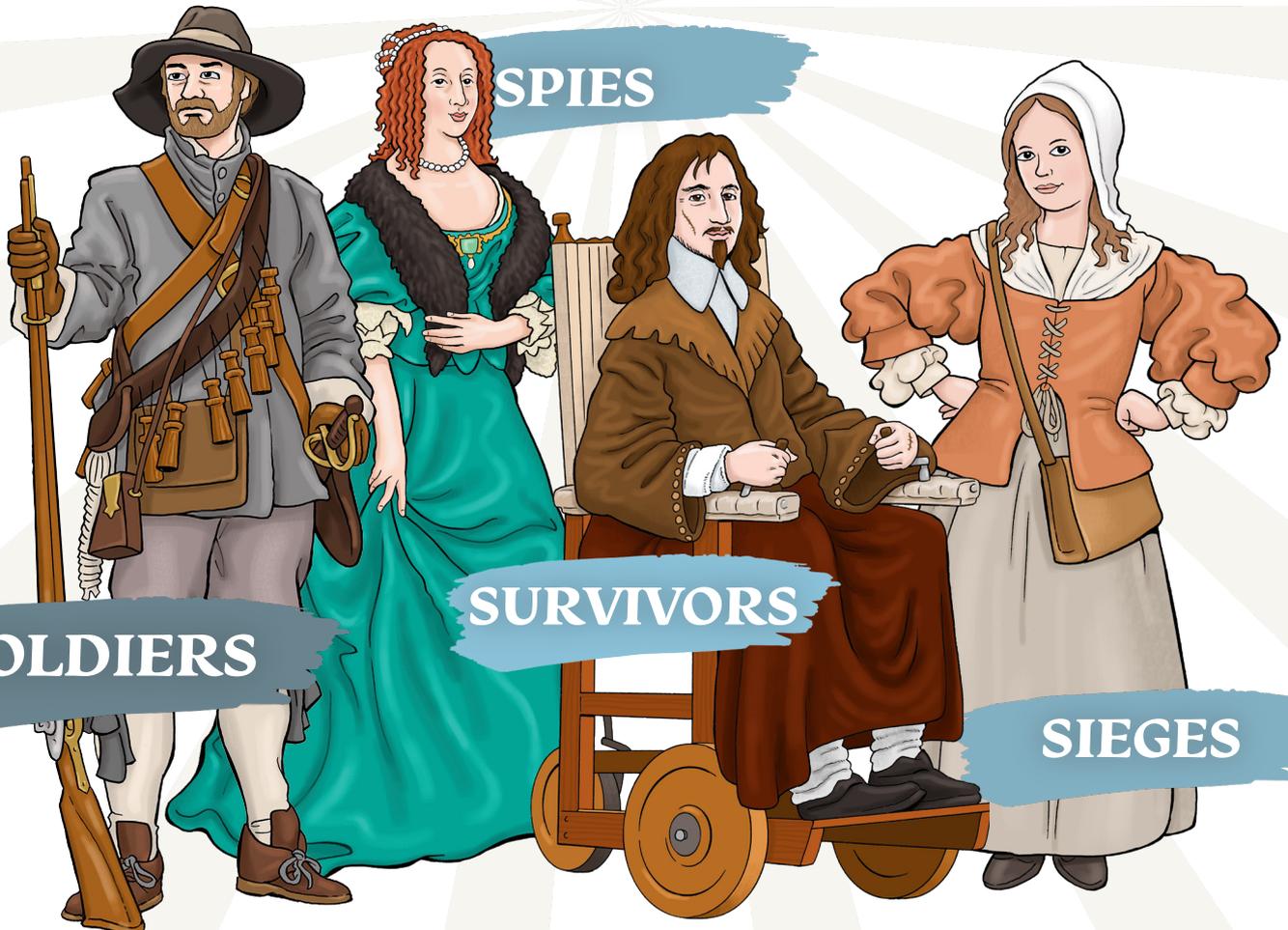
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# UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD

## A Key Stage 2 History of the British Civil Wars in 10 Amazing Objects

4 modules of classroom-ready resources, designed in collaboration with KS2 teachers and leading academics

Bring the history of this period to life in your classroom with teacher guides, an animated introduction to the causes of the war, 3D scanned museum objects, accessible seventeenth-century sources and fun classroom activities enhanced with audio and film.



SOLDIERS

SPIES

SURVIVORS

SIEGES

# JOIN OUR TEACHER NETWORK

Join our mailing list for access to our virtual museum environment and to find out about new resources and CPD events.

- Termly Meetings (alternating between in-person and Teams sessions).
- High quality CPD
- Networking opportunities with other history teachers
- Pilots for our new resources
- An opportunity to shape our offer
- A free annual family pass to the museum  
(if you are not a Newark and Sherwood resident and already have free entry!).

For further information and to join our network,  
contact [civilwarlearning@nsdc.info](mailto:civilwarlearning@nsdc.info)



