



**HINDU MUSLIM SIKH GURKHA
WAR MEMORIAL GROUP**
**A Campaign to Install a
Memorial in Cardiff**



THE UNTOLD STORY

The Forgotten Soldiers Who Helped Shape Our Freedom

More than a century ago, on battlefields far from home, soldiers from the Indian subcontinent stood shoulder to shoulder with men from every corner of the British Empire.

When we say “Indian subcontinent,” we mean the lands of undivided India as they were before 1947 — encompassing today’s India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and regions then under British rule.

From Punjab to Bengal, from the mountains of Nepal to the deserts of Rajasthan, they came from villages and cities across many faiths and cultures. Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians and others — united by duty. Yet their sacrifices remain one of history’s most overlooked truths.

These men left behind their families, their lands, and their traditions to fight in distant wars for an empire that did not grant them equal rights. Many served in the harshest conditions — the frozen fields of Flanders, the deserts of North Africa, and the jungles of Burma.

Their bravery helped change the course of world history. But their names are rarely spoken

Key Historical Facts

1.3 million soldiers volunteered in WWI
2.5 million served in WWII (the largest volunteer army in history)
74,187 died in WWI
Around 87,000 died in WWII

They fought under the Union Jack — alongside British, Canadian, Australian, African and Caribbean troops.

WHY CARDIFF NEEDS THIS WAR MEMORIAL?

Why This Matters Today

Cardiff is a proudly diverse city. Communities from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and across the Commonwealth have shaped modern Wales for generations.

Yet there is no dedicated memorial in Cardiff recognising the Indian soldiers who fought and died in the World Wars.

When history is incomplete, understanding is incomplete.

When sacrifice is forgotten, unity weakens. Remembering these soldiers is not about politics, it is about truth, recognition and unity. Their blood helped secure the freedoms we enjoy today. Their descendants live among us.

A memorial in Cardiff would:

- Honour the fallen
- Educate future generations
- Promote unity across communities
- Recognise the shared history between Britain and the Indian

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In a time when division threatens social cohesion, remembering shared sacrifice becomes an act of unity.

History can divide us — or it can unite us.

LET US REMEMBER — TOGETHER

We are launching a campaign to establish a permanent memorial in Cardiff to honour the soldiers of the Indian subcontinent who served in the First and Second World Wars.

This memorial will stand as:

- *A tribute to 160,000+ lives lost*
- *A symbol of unity between communities*
- *An educational landmark for future generations*
- *A place of remembrance for families*

But we cannot do this alone.

We need the support of the community, local leaders, organisations, and individuals who believe in honouring shared history.

How You Can Help

1. Donate

Every contribution brings us closer to creating this lasting tribute.

2. Spread the Word

Share this campaign within your networks.

To Donate:

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Together, we can ensure their legacy lives on.

Closing Message

By honouring the sacrifices of Indian soldiers of the World Wars, we honour our shared humanity.

Let Cardiff lead in remembering what history has too often overlooked. Let us remember — together.

A donation of £1,000 or more will ensure your name is permanently recorded in the official War Memorial Souvenir Booklet. You may dedicate your contribution in loving memory of a family member or in honour of your family fallen soldiers who gave their lives.

