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It's easy to book for this year's lecture day

Aid Spain

The mobilisation of support for the anti-fascist cause among the British people during the Spanish Civil War

**International Brigade Memorial Trust
2018 Len Crome Memorial Conference**

Saturday 24 March 2018, from 11am to 4pm, at the Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5AR

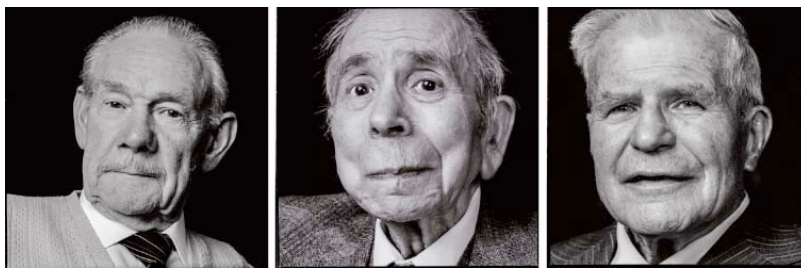
Main speakers: Professor Tom Buchanan (Oxford University) and Dr Emily Mason (University of East London)
Music: Amanda Boyd & David Nash, Ewan McLennan and the Red Notes Choir
Film: Film and Aid for Spain
Plus: Exhibition and stalls
Tickets: £20 (£15 students)
Booking via Eventbrite (go to www.international-brigades.org.uk/content/24-march-bristol for link) or send cheques (include email if receipt is required) to: IBMT Treasurer, 37a Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU
More information: LC2018@international-brigades.org.uk
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they face **FAMINE** in Spain they need clothes
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Book now for the IBMT's ever-popular annual lecture day, this year to be held in Bristol's Colston Hall on Saturday 24 March. The theme is Aid Spain and, as well as expert speakers, there will be live music and a film screening – promising to make it an interesting and entertaining event.

Now it's even easier to reserve tickets: just go to www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/len-crome-memorial-conference-2018-tickets-40631556078 and pay by credit card. Or you can send a cheque (include your email if a receipt is required) to: IBMT Treasurer, 37a Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R0DU.

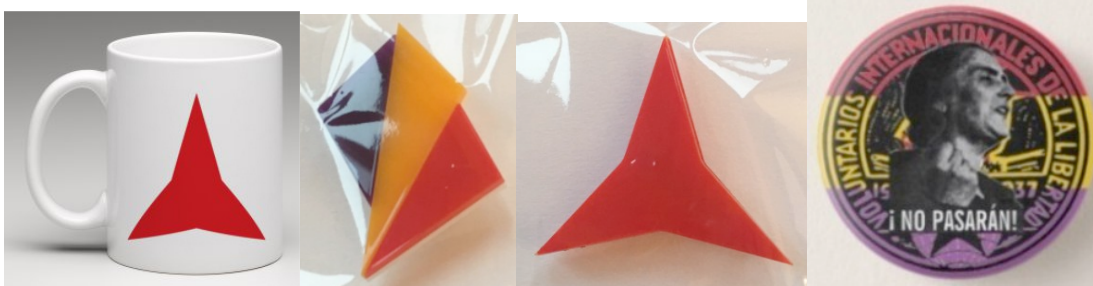
The Len Crome Memorial Conference is named after a Lancashire GP who became the chief medical officer of the Spanish Republic's XV Army Corps. This included the 35th Division, of which the mainly English-speaking 15th International Brigade was part.



Who are these veterans?

Can anyone help us identify these three International Brigaders? Their pictures were taken by Andrew Wing in 1996 at a Nottingham University conference as part of a TV documentary being made for the 60th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War. Andrew has now given the portraits to the IBMT. Others photographed at the conference included Bill Alexander, Penny Feiwel, Jack Jones, David Marshall and Sam Lesser. If you think you can help contact: secretary@international-brigades.org.uk

New merchandise for sale



New items have gone on sale on our website. Proceeds help fund the IBMT's commemorative, educational and publicity work. They include:

- **Mug.** On one side the three-pointed star of the International Brigades and on the reverse side the words of La Pasionaria: 'You are legend'. £9.99 plus £3.99 p&p.
- **Brooch in colours of the Spanish Republic.** Bespoke perspex laser cut brooch designed for the IBMT in art deco style. 6cms x 4.5cms. £9.99 plus £3.99 p&p.
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www.international-brigades.org.uk/catalog/new-productsspecial-offers
 Other items are available on our merchandise page:
www.international-brigades.org.uk/merchandise.php



Banners in Madrid

International Brigade and trade unions banners from Britain were present in Madrid for the commemoration by Spanish trade unions on 24 January of the anniversary of the murder in 1977 in Atocha Street of five left-wing lawyers. They were killed by Spanish neo-fascists trying to undermine the restoration of democracy following Franco's death two years earlier.

See online...



‘Deathbed photo’ of war photographer Gerda Taro discovered:
www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/19/deathbed-photo-of-war-photographer-gerda-taro-discovered?CMP=share_btn_tw

Gerda Taro biographer casts doubt on deathbed photo (in Spanish):
www.nuevatribuna.es/articulo/historia/cino-razones/20180119093703147474.html

Richard Baxell's Taro readings:
www.richardbaxell.info/taro-readings

BBC World Service interview from the Valley of the Fallen:
m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1845551548797296&id=163571453661989

Postcard from Republican prisoner during Spanish Civil War arrives 81 years late (paywall):

www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/world/snail-mail-postcard-from-republican-prisoner-during-the-spanish-civil-war-arrives-81-years-late-kclwxhr2g

New York-based band Barbez play songs from the Spanish Civil War on radio station WFMU on 23 January (after 34mins):

<https://wfmu.org/archiveplayer/?show=77050&archive=158864&starttime=>

From a small town in Scotland to Spain: New play tells untold story:
www.sundaypost.com/fp/small-town-scotland-spain-new-play-tells-untold-story-four-miners-fought-civil-war

In Catalonia, the nameless dead raise old animosities toward Franco:
www.cbc.ca/news/world/catalonia-dead-franco-animosities-margaret-evans-1.4499802

Accusations against Franco regime crimes: a countdown:
www.argia.eus/albistea/accusations-against-franco-regime-crimes-a-countdown

Forthcoming events



Until 17 February OXFORD - '¡Buenos Días Dictador!', a new exhibition of works by artist Sonia Boué about the Spanish Civil War, in particular a response to the years of exile suffered by many Spanish Republicans and their families; at the Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford OX1 2AQ; opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-6pm. See: <https://oldfirestation.org.uk/exhibitions/buenos-dias-dictador> and www.soniaboue.co.uk/section791050_348089.html

1 February LONDON - Public seminar: 'The Historical Roots of the Present Catalan Crisis', with Sir John Elliot, Felipe Fernández-Armesto and Professor Paul Preston. 7.30pm at the LSE (Clement House, Room 6.02), 99 Aldwych, London WC2A 2AE). Organised by LSE Hispanic Society in collaboration the Cañada Blanch Centre and Catalan Observatory. See: www.lse.ac.uk/canada-blanch/events

6 February LONDON - Film screening: 'En tierra extraña' (In a Foreign Land) by Icíar Bollaín (Spain, 2014, 72 mins) in Spanish with English subtitles. 6.30pm at the Wolfson Theatre, New Academic Building, LSE, 54 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LJ). Organised by the Language Centre-LSE, Cañada Blanch Centre, Instituto Cervantes and University of Roehampton. See: www.lse.ac.uk/canada-blanch/events

7 February LONDON - Cañada Blanch Centre seminar: 'The Triumph of Arturo Barea', with Michael Eade and Professor Paul Preston at the Instituto Cervantes, 15-19 Devereux Court, London WC2R 3JJ. See: www.lse.ac.uk/canada-blanch/events
More information and registration:
www.eventbrite.com/e/the-triumph-of-arturo-barea-tickets-42166959511

7-10 February PRESTONPANS - '549: Scots of the Spanish Civil War', a new play by Wonder Fools, with stories and songs about the 549 Scots who volunteered to fight fascism in Spain; 7.30pm at Prestonpans Town Hall, High Street, Prestonpans EH32 9JW; tickets £11/£8.25 from: www.wonderfools.org/549

8 February OXFORD - Exhibition 'A Spaniard in Oxfordshire: The archive of Arturo and Ilsa Barea' organised by the Instituto Cervantes

and IC Communications. 6pm-8pm at Weston Library, Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BG. More information and reservations (free): www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-spaniard-in-oxfordshire-the-archive-of-arturo-and-ilsa-barea-tickets-42227656056

9 February OXFORD - Artist Sonia Boué in conversation about her exhibition '¡Buenos Días Dictador!' on exile and the Spanish Civil War (see listing above); 3pm at the Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford OX1 2AQ.

10 February DUNDEE - Annual commemoration at 12pm at the International Brigade memorial in Albert Square, followed at 2pm by a gig in the Balcony Bar (5 Ward Road, Dundee DD1 1LP) by Gallo Rojo.

13-17 February GLASGOW - '549: Scots of the Spanish Civil War', a new play by Wonder Fools, with stories and songs about the 549 Scots who volunteered to fight fascism in Spain; 7.30pm (plus 1.30pm matinée on 14 February) at Citizens Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow G5 9DS; tickets £12 from: www.wonderfools.org/549

16-18 February MADRID - The annual international Battle of Jarama commemoration hosted by the AABI Spanish International Brigades friendship group, which attracts visitors from International Brigade associations around the world as well as many Spanish supporters. The visit includes a commemoration at the memorial to the Scottish volunteers at Tarancón on Friday, a walk across the battlefield (sensible shoes and outdoor clothing essential) followed by a complimentary lunch on Saturday and a selection of optional activities on Sunday. See: www.international-brigades.org.uk/content/16-18-february-madrid

18 February MANCHESTER - Annual re-dedication of the Manchester International Brigade memorial and commemoration of the Battle of Jarama, commencing at 11am and lasting about an hour inside Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester M2 5DB. All IBMT members, trade unionists and labour movement activists are invited to attend.

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