As the centenary of the Great War approaches people all over Europe are being urged to unearth mementoes from the tragic conflict to create the biggest digital library from the era.

The Great War – True Stories aims to gather diaries, books, pamphlets, letters, pictures and artefacts to create unheard testimonies from the battle.

Launched by digital library Europeana with Oxford University, in Luxembourg the initiative is coordinated by the National Library in partnership with the National Archives and plurio.net.

Together, the different organisations hope to generate the world's largest digital collection of Great War Stories, preserving these testimonies before they are lost forever.

To take part, visit www.europeana1914-1918.eu where you can register and upload scans of your images or documents.

Users will be able to provide in-depth descriptions of their items. Once the item has been approved by the website's monitors, it will then be freely accessible to the public.

The project begins officially on March 6 at Luxembourg’s National Library Arts Room from 9am to 7.30pm. A team of experts will be on-hand to provide technical support and advice for people with objects they wish to add to the archive.

Archive contributors will not have their personal data disclosed to other digital archive users.