

Spirit of Resistance

Extant cordially invites you to a sharing event exploring themes of resistance and resilience

When: Saturday 18 June 2016

Time: 2:30-4:00pm

**Where: Space C2,
Stratford Circus Arts Centre,
Theatre Square, Stratford,
London E15 1BX**

"Spirit of Resistance" is an intergenerational project marking the 10 year anniversary of Extant's first national tour "Resistance" by Artistic Director Maria Oshodi. The play was an adaptation of Jacques Lusseyran's autobiography 'And There Was Light', which tells the true story of a young blind person leading a Resistance group in occupied Paris.

***"Light does not come to us from without.
Light is in us, even if we have no eyes."***

Jacques Lusseyran

Since January 2016 Extant has run a series of workshops with over thirty visually impaired

participants across London, aged between 17 and 98, exploring themes of resistance and resilience. The workshops used a variety of source materials, including Jacques' autobiography, Maria's play, war-time handling collections, oral histories and story-telling.

This sharing celebration, directed by Jules Tipton, brings this process together. It includes audio recordings, film footage, music and live contributions by participants, all informed by memories of war or conflict and personal experiences of visual impairment.

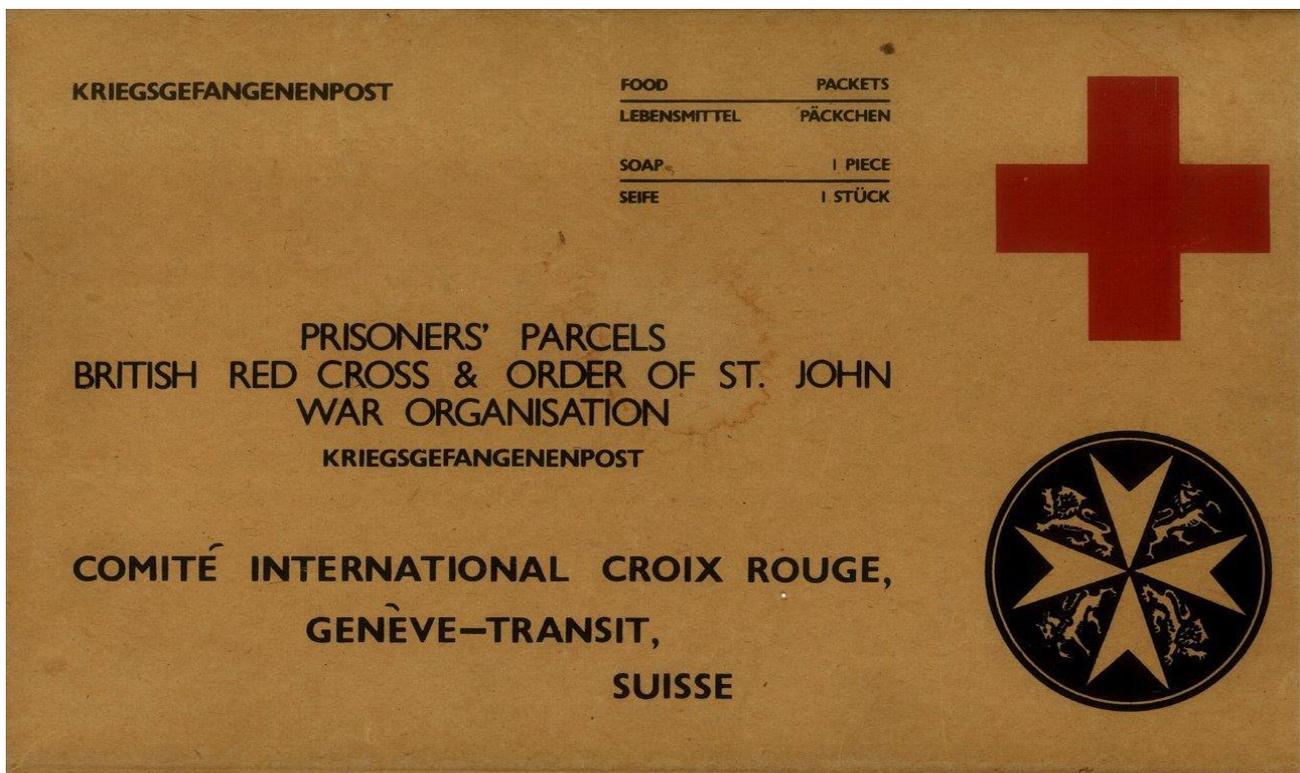
"If blindness is regarded as a privation, it becomes privation. (...) If however we regard blindness as another state of perception, another realm of experience, everything becomes possible."

Jacques Lusseyran

Admission is free, but booking is essential as spaces are limited. To reserve your place please call Project Manager Sally Booth on 07921 809688 or email sally@sallybooth.co.uk with your contact details and any access requirements.

Please note that this sharing event will be

filmed for documentation purposes.
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The picture shows a replica Red Cross parcel loaned to the Extant project by Imperial War Museums