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Cold War Network - December 2025

As we wrap up an exceptional year, during which time we have seen our membership increase by 250% and launched the UK's first National Cold War Heritage Week, we are now planning for 2026. Next year, we will be offering new webinars (details in January's Newsletter), new opportunities to meet in person and, thanks to the generous support of the National Lottery Community Fund, National Cold War Heritage Week 2026. The 2026 event will be delivered with the support of Advisory Board Member and business owner Molly Tunstall.

Many of you will remember Molly, who last year led a talented group of students in delivering our launch event and the 2025 programme. Since then, she has established her own marketing agency, Brimstone Marketing, and we are thrilled to continue working with her. Her creativity, energy, and commitment to the network will continue to shape our public engagement work in inspiring ways.

If you are interested in participating, partnering, or sponsoring National Cold War Heritage Week 2026 we'd love to hear from you. Please email info@coldwarnetwork.co.uk

As we head into the festive season, we look forward to strengthening our partnerships, expanding our reach, and preparing for a landmark year of activity supported by this new funding. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support. 2026 is already shaping up to be something special.

Warmest festive wishes from all of us at the Cold War Network.

Peter, Ryan, Nigel, Kathryn and Glen.

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Operation Fallout

The Cold War Network have partnered with Jamie Sefton and Stronghold Studios on their film: Operation Fallout.

Jamie Sefton is an actor and writer, whose debut play A Thousand Sons was the first play to tackle the subject of Britain's nuclear test veterans. Telling the story of one man's journey during the Christmas Island nuclear testing at the height of the arms race, the deeply moving A Thousand Sons was met with critical acclaim at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2022 before doing a theatrical run in London later that year. At the Edinburgh Fringe, Stuart Brennan (CEO of Stronghold Studios) saw Jamie's piece and together they put a plan in motion for adapting it into a screenplay. Earlier this year, the final draft of Operation Fallout was completed.

The anthology project Operation Fallout Testimonies will act as a starting point for the final Operation Fallout film. The 5 short Testimonies films will combine deeply personal interviews with carefully staged cinematic recreations, bringing to life stories that have been largely forgotten and are now at risk of being lost forever. Operation Fallout Testimonies is due to start official production in February 2026. Stronghold Studios will be looking for support from the Cold War Network for authentic Christmas Island vehicles to use in shooting the recreations, as well as potential locations that fit a variety of military uses. For more information at this stage, or to offer any in-kind support to be involved in the film, please email jamie.sefton42@gmail.com.



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Future Events

[6th Cold War Network Meeting - Dover Castle. Tuesday 10th February 2026](#)

[7th Cold War Network Meeting - Drakelow Tunnels. October 2026 \(Details TBC\)](#)

[8th Cold War Network Meeting - Scotland. March 2027 \(Details TBC\)](#)



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