

Partner Employment Support during COVID-19

Support services for all military partners based in the UK and overseas

A message from the Minister for Defence People and Veterans and full detail on support opportunities can be found here: [VIEW MESSAGE](#)

RAF Support



RAF Families Federation: enquiries@raf-ff.org.uk

[RAF HIVE Information Service](#)



Employment and career support



Department for Work & Pensions

[COVID-19 Employment and Benefits support from DWP](#): Providing information about the changes brought in to support people who are already claiming benefits, need to claim benefits, or are at risk of losing their job as a result of coronavirus.



Education Funding: The women's section of [The Royal British Legion](#) offers two separate bursaries for eligible beneficiaries.



[Forces Families Jobs](#) is a free go-to place for training and employment for family members of currently serving UK military personnel together with personnel transitioning out of the Armed Forces during their first year.



[Jobcentre Plus](#) - find full or part-time jobs in England, Scotland and Wales – [search and apply through GOV.UK](#).



The [Step into Health](#) programme provides a dedicated pathway for the Armed Forces community to access the numerous career opportunities available in the NHS.



[Recruit for Spouses](#) (RFS) - during the pandemic, the [RFS Career Academy](#) have teamed up with a top Global employer to create the first military spouse focused Mentoring Programme. Developed specifically for spouses who have been impacted by COVID19 and who find themselves furloughed, out of work or unsure of how to pick up their job hunt.



The [RBLI LifeWorks Families team](#) remain here to support the military community during these difficult times and it's important for everyone to know – LifeWorks Still Works! Our understanding career coaches and vocational assessors are on call to support remotely and via our online portal.



[RFEA](#) has launched a programme to help the spouses and partners of serving and ex-Forces personnel into employment. Help includes career diagnostics, individual employment case-working support and job-brokerage to suitable and sustainable jobs through our extensive database of employers.



The [Warrior Programme](#) is available to help personnel looking to take performance to the next level and family members to understand how to achieve their goals.

Business start-ups



[X-Forces Enterprise](#) offers a range of courses designed to support the military community (includes Service leavers, spouses, Reserves) considering self-employment or business ownership.



[Supporting the Unsung Hero](#) offers informal networking and support to delegates. Includes free introductory webinars for those new to or considering the programme.

Networking/working together



[The Military Coworking Network](#) (MCN) is a community of military spouses working together to create a network of coworking office spaces on military bases, supported by an online community for spouses everywhere. Sign up to their [newsletter](#) and become part of a growing, friendly network.

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[The Milspo Business Network](#) is a global friendly network that supports all UK military spouses, partners and other halves building their own business whilst living the 'magnolia walled life'. Join weekly online meet-ups and international networking opportunities. The community provides peer support to complement modern military life.

Overseas



[iHIVE information](#) – for Overseas Assignments

Joint Education and Training Services (JETS) Gibraltar provides a range of education opportunities to support your personal development and life-long learning – for more information phone +350 2005 3359.

The 55 AEC Group Cyprus offer British Forces Cyprus community learning and employment support services for spouses, partners and families of Service Personnel in Cyprus. Find them on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).



Claiming your National Insurance Credits on your return from overseas postings

Find out how spouses and civil partners of armed forces personnel posted overseas can fill the gap in their [National Insurance record](#). RAF FF's Envoy magazine [shares a recent case study](#) on how they can help.

A lot of the above services and networks shared in this flyer include overseas support too; particularly the [Military Coworking Network](#) and the [Milspo Business Network](#).