OP KINGFISHER

CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE DAY - 11TH JUNE 2021

Ruralink (ruralink.org.uk) works with the military community and many other organisations to help service and ex-service personnel find work in the land-based sector. In support of this aim, Op KINGFISHER helps to provide volunteering opportunities for personnel to gain relevant conservation experience and knowledge as part of their resettlement.

DO – LEARN - CONNECT

Ruralink has teamed up with the DIO ecology team and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) to offer an enjoyable and educational volunteer experience day specifically for the military community. We will support a WWT river restoration project in collecting, transferring and planting Ranunculus (Water Crowfoot) in the River Avon on Salisbury Plain. This key plant species provides food and shelter for a whole host of wildlife in river and chalk streams and the work is an extremely important part of this crucial restoration project.

Practical conservation work
Expert ecology lesson included
Build your resettlement network

No prior knowledge or experience is needed, with on the job training provided along with any specialist equipment you need, including waders as you will spend much of the day actually in the River Avon! In addition to learning new skills by getting stuck in to the practical work, the day will include a detailed explanation of the project's impact from the lead DIO ecologist, an opportunity to build peer and industry networking contacts and a chance to discuss wider conservation volunteering opportunities. All of this is aimed at enhancing your resettlement campaign.

10 places are available. There is no charge but please bring your own packed lunch. If you are interested, please contact Andy Lee on volunteering@ruralink.org.uk as soon as possible. While priority will be given to those already undertaking re-settlement, anyone wishing to gain experience in conservation management can also get in touch about this and other volunteering opportunities.