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**RURAL CAREERS INSIGHT DAY – FOR HM FORCES LEAVERS AND VETERANS**

Ruralink will host its unique Rural Careers Insight Day on 19 May from 9.30am to 3.30pm. This online event will be packed full of inspirational talks including from ex-forces people who are now making their careers working outdoors in land-management and employers and professional bodies actively looking to recruit from this highly skilled and motivated talent pool.

**Attendees will gain a** detailed insight into rewarding follow-on careers in food and farming, emerging technology and rural land management specifically to inspire service leavers and show how military experience is directly relevant and why employers are very keen to recruit them into the industry. Confirmed speakers so far include:

**Lewis Trelaor MBE, Waterways and Recreation Officer, Broads Authority: Navigating Resettlement.** Lewis was a section instructor at Catterick when he decided to leave the army and resettle in Norfolk with his family. The story of the year that followed and how he landed his dream job on the Broads has lessons for everyone who knows they don't want to work in an office but doesn't know what other options there are. Lewis is keen to help others and to offer work experience.

**Ross Hocking, Head of Events, Camp Hill Estate: My Resettlement Journey: Lessons learnt.** Ross left the army in February and started as Head of Events at an open estate in March, one week before self-isolation! Ross is also keen to support others making their career change.

**Hugh Pocock, Cultura Recruitment Ltd. The Cattle Industry: Conception to Consumption.** An introduction to the cattle livestock and dairy industries and the many opportunities for service leavers across a range of roles. Access to work experience placement possible.

**Duncan Glen, Landmarc. Opportunities specifically for service leavers with good knowledge of the UK training estate** with the potential to develop a rich career in this global multi-industry company.Offering work experience placements as soon as public health movement restrictions lift and good quality gateway jobs in garrison areas.

**Stephen Ensell, Education Officer, British Association of Landscape Industries.** Information on the wide variety of careers in the landscaping industries and a new ELC-eligible Level 3 course specifically designed for resettling military personnel embarking on a horticultural and landscaping career.

The event will be run online; dial-in details will be sent to all pre-registered attendees the day before. Further details at and registration via ruralink.org.uk/insight-days

**Notes for Editors:**

Ruralink offers specialist careers advice and support to service leavers seeking follow-on careers in the land-based sector. Working with employers, education providers and individuals it generates pathways into secure, sustainable careers which ultimately is good for food, farming and land management across the country. Find out more at ruralink.org.uk

Fiona Galbraith commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1995 and served in the Army Intelligence Corps for 23 years including as a company commander based in Bulford, Wiltshire and then as Commanding Officer of 1 Military Intelligence Battalion which she relocated from Germany to Catterick, North Yorkshire. She spent a year studying at the Royal Agricultural University from where she took an executive position with a national agricultural company before leaving to focus full-time on Ruralink. She now lives in Derbyshire.

Link to photos: https://ruralink.org.uk/image-library

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