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**RURAL CAREERS INSIGHT DAY SCOTLAND – FOR SERVICE LEAVERS AND VETERANS**

Ruralink will host its unique Rural Careers Insight Day Scotland on 19 November from 12.00 to 5.00 pm. 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:

**Rupert Shaw MBE, Honorary Treasurer, National Farmers Union Scotland (ex-Army).** To provide an overview of the food production sector in Scotland as well as some comments on his personal resettlement journey.

**Jeni Adamson, Lantra Scotland.** To provide career insights on forestry and fisheries specifically as well as wider training opportunities and qualifications for the sector.

**Jonathan Holmes, Conservation Agronomist at Lordington Park Agronomy (ex-Army).** To explain how agronomists work with farmer and land owners to optimise production and improve the land. He will also provide some comments on his journey from the Army to becoming a nationally respected expert.

**Willie Routledge, Ghillie (ex-Royal Navy).** To describe it e role and lifestyle of the ghillie and how he made the change from the open sea to the Highland river.

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

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

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