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Update from Cobseo

Veterans' Strategy Consultation reminder and feedback request

All Members are reminded that the Veterans' Strategy consultation closes on Thursday 21 February. You can find the [Strategy document here](#), and the [Consultation documentation here](#).

Cobseo has received feedback from the consultation team to thank Members for their engagement so far but they have requested that all Members reply to the relevant questions primarily through the consultation survey link to ensure that all data can be used efficiently. The [online survey link can be accessed here](#). If you would prefer to respond via email, please ensure that you include a response to the following questions at the beginning of your email to ensure that your feedback can be effectively analysed:

- Whether you are a Veteran, or do you know a Veteran;
- Whether you are a current serving member of the UK Armed Forces or part of the Armed Forces community;
- Whether you live in England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland or outside the UK;
- Whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation and which organisation that is.

New Veterans' Strategy consultation event – Manchester

A new consultation event, organised by the Ministry of Defence, has been organised in Manchester on Thursday 14 February to facilitate round table discussions on how best to implement the Strategy for our Veterans. The discussions will be based on the consultation questions in the Veterans Strategy consultation document. [Click here for more information](#).

2019 subscription

Key individuals will be contacted by the Head of Membership and Finance next week regarding requests for payment of all annual subscriptions for 2019. We very much welcome your prompt attention to these once received.

Reminder: Launch of the Governance Practices Self-Reporting tool

To support Members to identify their strengths and areas for improvement, the Executive Committee approved a self-assessment tool for bi-annual use across the Cobseo Membership. The tool will be released to all Full and Regimental Members in late January – further information on its use and the help it provides to Members will be made available soon.

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The Cobseo Diary

2019	Date	Time	Location
Cobseo Executive Meeting	27 February	1000 to 1500	Mountbarrow House
Cobseo Executive Meeting	22 May	1000 to 1500	Mountbarrow House
Cobseo AGM	10 July	1230 to 1800	Venue TBC
Cobseo Executive Strategy Day	2 October	TBC	Venue TBC
Cobseo Executive Meeting	4 December	1000 to 1500	Mountbarrow House

Cluster Meetings

See below for a list of the next Cluster meetings and Cluster contact details:

Cluster	Date	Contact	Email
Foreign and Commonwealth	18 January	Louise Simpson, AFF	policyresearchdirector@aff.org.uk
Employment	13 February	Alistair Halliday, RFEA	alistair.halliday@rfea.org.uk
Housing	28 February	Ed Tytherleigh, Stoll James Richardson, Haig Housing	ed.tytherleigh@stoll.org.uk james.richardson@haighousing.org.uk
Veterans in the Criminal Justice System	28 February	Chloe MacKay, RFEA Julie McCarthy, SSAFA	chloe.mackay@rfea.org.uk julie.mccarthy@ssafa.org.uk
Care	7 March	Andy Cole, The Royal Star & Garter Homes	andy.cole@starandgarter.org
Research	5 June	Kirsteen Waller, FiMT	rsm@fim-trust.org
Employment	11 June	Alistair Halliday, RFEA	alistair.halliday@rfea.org.uk
Veterans in the Criminal Justice System	27 June	Chloe MacKay, RFEA Julie McCarthy, SSAFA	chloe.mackay@rfea.org.uk julie.mccarthy@ssafa.org.uk
Employment	15 October	Alistair Halliday, RFEA	alistair.halliday@rfea.org.uk
Veterans in the Criminal Justice System	31 October	Chloe MacKay, RFEA Julie McCarthy, SSAFA	chloe.mackay@rfea.org.uk julie.mccarthy@ssafa.org.uk

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Sector News

D-Day 75: events to mark 75th anniversary of Normandy Landings announced

Events to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day in June 2019 have been announced at an event at The D-Day Story in Portsmouth. [Read more here.](#)

Defence Secretary invites D-Day veterans to 75th anniversary

Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson has written an open letter to veterans of the Normandy Landings inviting them to take part in D-Day75, the commemorations of the 75th anniversary of the Normandy Landings. [Read more here.](#)

Veterans Gateway information check

Thank you to all Members who have responded that they have checked their information on the new self-help directory tool on the Veterans' Gateway. Engaging with the tool to check your organisation's details is essential to ensuring that the most up to date information is available to everyone using the tool and means that Veterans accessing the service will get the correct information. You can find [the self-help directory tool here.](#)

NCVO publishes The Road Ahead – a review of the voluntary sector's operating environment

NCVO has published The Road Ahead; their annual analysis of the changing operating environment for NCVO members and anyone working in the voluntary sector. It identifies and explains forces and trends that are shaping the sector and are likely to have an impact on voluntary organisations in the future. [Download here.](#)

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Member News

For the latest news from our Membership, please [click here to access the Cobseo news section.](#) Thank you to all Members who have submitted news.

Member Calendar

Date	Event
6 February	Cardiff City Football Foundation "One Stop Shop"
7 March	Officer's Association Annual General Meeting. Please contact Alice Rule a.rule@officersassociation.org.uk for more details
14 March	KCMHR Veterans' Mental Health Conference Limited concessionary tickets to Full/Associate Cobseo Members
5 April	Soldiering On Awards
6 to 8 September	2019 Normandy Veterans' Reunion

Jobs

For the latest sector jobs, please [click here to access the Cobseo jobs portal](#).

Trustee Vacancies

Armed Forces Education Trust: [Trustees](#)

The Ripple Pond: [Trustees](#)

Royal Navy Benevolent Trust: [Trustees](#)

Funding

Please find details of available funding below.

Ogden Armed Forces Bursary Scheme

The maximum amount of any award is £8,000 per annum

Launch of the Veterans' Community Centres Programme

Grants of up to £30,000 are available – a small number of grants of up to £150,000 will be made to more complex projects

Armed Forces Covenant Local Grants Programme reopened

New guidance is available; designed to help applicants develop strong bids

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Training and Courses

Employment

Organisation	Event / course	Date	Location
RFEA / CTP	Ex-Forces Employment Fair	14 February 7 March 27 March 25 April 13 June 4 July 19 September 17 October 7 November	Salford Epsom Newark Edinburgh Bristol Chelmsford Newcastle Southampton Telford
X-Forces	Business Start-Up Workshop	22 January 4 February 5 February	Portsmouth

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Health and Wellbeing

Organisation	Event / course	Date	Location
AFF	Additional needs support groups	Click here to find out more.	
The Warrior Programme	Veterans and families	29 to 31 January 30 April to 2 May 25 to 27 June	Manchester TBC TBC
	Serving families	5 to 7 March	Wiltshire
	Refresher days	28 January 25 March 29 April 24 June	Liverpool TBC TBC TBC
	Serving Personnel	26 to 28 March 21 to 23 May	TBC TBC

Personal development

The Royal Artillery Centre for Personal Development offers a wide range of courses; click the link below for further details

<https://www.racpd.org.uk/index.php/courses-overview/course-dates>

Sector

The following organisations provide training courses for the charity sector that might be of benefit to our Membership. Click on the links below to read more. Please note, no endorsement is intended here; the list is provided for information only.

Type of course	Course details
Sector wide courses	National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)
	Knowhow Nonprofit
	The Governance Institute (ICSA)
	New Philanthropy Capital (NPC)
	Civil Society
Regional courses	The Foundation for Social Improvement (FSI)
	Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)
	Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA) Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)
Topic specific courses	Institute of Fundraising (IoF)
	NSPCC (courses on safeguarding)
	Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) (courses on GDPR)
	Volunteer Now (courses on volunteering in NI)

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