**WATERLOO** UNCOVERED

# 2025 Programme Prospectus Uncover. Discover.

Recover.

# INTRODUCTION

Waterloo Uncovered is the ground-breaking charity that combines world-class archaeology with veteran and serving military personnel (VSMP) wellbeing and recovery through discovery of the Battle of Waterloo

#### **ABOUT US**

Waterloo Uncovered was founded in 2015, on the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. During our excavations on the battlefield, VSMP beneficiaries work alongside our archaeological experts, leading to some exceptional discoveries.

In recent years, we have adapted our programme approach to deliver community-based and online programmes, enabling us to provide beneficiaries with greater access to our archaeology and cutting-edge research from the Waterloo battlefield, as well as wider conflicts.

The power of archaeology as a tool for recovery is demonstrated by the positive impact we have on the wellbeing of our beneficiaries, as well as the learning we share with others in the heritage and military community.

#### **PROGRAMMES**

Our programmes enable beneficiaries to engage in meaningful archaeological activity and engage with heritage. Our beneficiary support is changing lives, improving veteran wellbeing, whilst developing transferable skills in a community.

Our archaeology is changing modern understanding of conflict, providing physical evidence for those who fought and died at Waterloo. Our education activities are a forum to share our knowledge and research, linking conflicts past to conflicts present.





#### **IMPACT**

Many VSMP we support have experienced servicerelated wounds and injuries and suffer from a range of physical and mental health conditions, or need wellbeing support, including in their transition to civilian life.

Our approach, centred around the NHS Five Ways to Wellbeing, enables our beneficiaries to connect with others in a community, learn new skills, be active and present in the moment, and give back as they share their learning and experiences.

Taking part in a Waterloo Uncovered support programme can help improve wellbeing, rebuild confidence and offers a supportive environment to mix with a variety of people with shared backgrounds and experiences.

Please note: Spaces on our programmes are limited, and applications may close early if spaces are filled. For more information, please contact Info@waterloouncovered.com

#### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE & THE CYCLE OF ARCHAEOLOGY







## **EXHIBITION PROGRAMME**

Beneficiaries will learn how to design an exhibition within a community setting aimed at improving wellbeing. Delivered in partnership with Royal Hospital Chelsea.

Join Chelsea Pensioners and past Waterloo Uncovered beneficiaries to create a veteran-led exhibition using artefacts from the Waterloo Battlefield and the Hospital's historical collection.

- 31st October 5th December, 2025
- 4 weekly in-person workshops
- 1 focus group after programme completion
- Temporary Exhibition at the Royal Hospital
- Open to London-based veterans & serving military personnel
- Hosted at Royal Hospital Chelsea

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1<sup>ST</sup> SEPT-24<sup>TH</sup> OCT **APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW & ONBOARDING** 

Applications open from 1st September - 1<sup>st</sup> October. Interviews (phone or video) held from 1<sup>st</sup> October - 14<sup>th</sup> October

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31<sup>ST</sup> OCT -21<sup>ST</sup> NOV

#### **WORKSHOPS**

4 Friday workshops at the Royal Hospital
Chelsea, with 1 focus group after exhibition
completion



#### **EXHIBITION**

A temporary exhibition at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, showcasing your display to friends, family and the general public



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## **BATTLEFIELDS UNCOVERED**

An online journey across the globe and through the ages, starting with the Battle of Waterloo. Taught by leading archaeologists and education specialists. Discover what conflict can reveal about the past, the present and even ourselves.

Join a diverse and inclusive team in a real university setting.

- 29th Sept. 2025 11th Feb. 2026
- 4 onboarding sessions
- 16 weekly interactive & flexible online sessions
- Meet like-minded people across the globe
- Gain 4 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) university credits

OCTOBER

#### **APPLICATION, INTERVIEW & ONBOARDING**

Gradual onboarding and get-to-know-you sessions for everyone to access learning materials and become familiar as a group.

OCTOBER - JANUARY

#### VIRTUAL LEARNING SESSIONS

12 weeks of content, including interactive seminars, workshops, hands-on activities and presentations.

(approx 3hrs per week)

JANUARY 2026

#### **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Graduate with University Accredited Study Points
4 ECTS points at an undergraduate level
(equivalent to half a university course)

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