

SPORTING FORCE



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Sporting Force - supporting veterans

Our mission is to, help wounded, injured and sick, serving or ex-service men and women, make the transition from military, back to civilian, through work placements in professional sport.

Opportunities for veterans

- SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS
- FREE MATCH DAY TICKETS
- STADIUM TOURS
- WORK PLACEMENTS
- EMPLOYABILITY COURSES
- NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE PLACEMENTS
- MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WORKSHOPS
- MULTI SPORTS & COACHING
- SUPPORT AND PORTAL TO OTHER ASSISTANCE ORGANISATIONS



TOMMY LOWTHER - FOUNDER



CHERYLANNE LOWTHER - VETERAN LIAISON



JACQUI NICHOLSON— OPERATIONS MANAGER

Sporting Force is a Registered Charity (No.1169441) set up by Tommy Lowther a veteran and sufferer of PTSD.

Sporting Force places wounded, injured and sick veterans into training programmes and work placements within professional football clubs and other professional sporting clubs. The exact areas veterans will operate in will be decided by the clubs, Sporting Force and the veterans themselves. Typically, veterans will not receive any payment during training/placements.

Once on the placement veterans will be monitored by Tommy and Cherylanne Lowther (also a veteran), acting as a point of contact to discuss their progress and as Veteran Liaisons for ongoing support. This will reduce the chances of unsuccessful placements and misunderstandings. Sporting Force will continue to support and offer further opportunities to the veteran for as long as they need us.

Veterans can continue to access the social engagement and free events even after successfully obtaining a job through us. Jacqui Nicholson is the clubs, organisations and prospective employers point of contact.

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Why Sporting Force?

Aren't there already a lot of organisations supporting the military?

Yes. We work alongside many of them, these organisations often focus on physical recovery, mental health or financial support. At Sporting Force our focus is on providing opportunities and work placements in the professional sports industry.

Why sports?

Life in the military is an active life and by working with sports organisations we can offer opportunities that appeal to those that with an active background, ignite a passion and help create a new life outside of the services.



Quotes from Veterans

“This experience has given me my zest for life back and great chance to rediscover my abilities expand and improve my skills. Most of all I had the most amazing opportunity to mentor and encourage 15-17 yr. old’s to challenge themselves “

“ Strangely, I was mostly inspired by the planning & preparation of the event. The support that was given, by way of communication, organisation & hospitality, were second to none. The constant updates we were given throughout, honestly, made me feel human. Or in other words I felt as if I belonged rather than being left to the side. Fantastic!”

“The support that we received, from being informed throughout the entirety of the build up and on the day through to the kindness of all involved, it shows that a veteran who has been through the harrowing process of being medically discharged himself, has created a charity that understands completely the issues that people face day to day and the reassurance given and support available just made us all feel so welcome and prioritised above all else.”

“Cherylanne looked around and found my closest football club and got me an interview in a matter of days which went amazingly, I have now got confirmation from 3 different departments saying they are looking into finding something for me which I’m well excited by. None of this would have happened if wasn’t for the team at Sporting Force and their hard work and deep hearts .”

“I never thought I would ever be able to work in the professional football industry, without Tommy’s involvement I would still be sat at home, unable to afford to go and watch my team in action, now I am a team member.

This experience has transformed me as a person. The feeling of achievement I have now is immeasurable, this has given me the determination, passion and drive to go out and achieve my new career”



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Why employ veterans?

Veterans come to you with identifiable and transferable skills that will enhance your provision to the young people.

They are highly trained, organised, with proven team leadership skills, hard working, motivated and perform well under pressure with integrity, endurance, stamina and determination.

Diversity and inclusion – veterans have learned to work side by side with individuals regardless of race, gender, ethnic or religious background.

Health and Safety – all have extensive training and are aware of H&S for themselves and others.

Remember these guys and girls have overcome personal disabilities through their strength and determination. They have triumphed over adversity. They are wonderful role models for the young people in your care.



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Veteran's comments

"I felt total amazing on completion of the NCS experience, I am so grateful to Sporting Force for their support and for giving me this opportunity. It has made me feel so confident and I really enjoyed challenging myself. Now I have the confidence in my ability to do further work placements. This is something I would never have considered doing without attending the Leeds Open day and being inspired by Tommy. I am 45 years old and I feel like I have a new life ahead of me. Although other organisations have helped me before, none of them have had the impact that Sporting Force has."

A reference for one of the veterans

"The main impact that XXXXX had on this group is that he creates an environment where young people were inspired to take part in mentorship and volunteering for future NCS programmes.

Finally, I would like to stress again how much of a valued team member XXXXX was to our NCS programme. His enthusiasm and his skills were vital to making our programme a success."

Yours Sincerely, David Doone, Leeds United Foundation
NCS Project Officer and Wave Leader



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THE TEAM

Tommy Lowther is ex-military, having served with the 1st Battalion light infantry and as a sufferer of PTSD has been in the position that so many veterans find themselves in.

Operations Manager & Bid Funding Coordinator - Jacqui Nicholson has been involved with charities for over 25 years. She has a wealth of training and HR expertise

Veteran Liaison - Cherylanne Lowther is ex-military, having served with the RAMC. She understands the challenges for our veterans and works hard to overcome obstacles for them.

Board of Trustees.

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