**HIGHGROUND RURAL EXPERIENCE WEEKS**

**TO VETERANS AND SERVICE LEAVERs – DO YOU WANT TO WORK IN A LAND BASED INDUSTRY? - HIGHGROUND CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE THIS.**

High Ground is a new charity to help Service-leavers and Veterans. We offer advice and support, to those who might be interested in learning about the wide variety of careers available in the Land-Based Sector.

**THIS COULD LEAD TO A WORTHWHILE SECOND CAREER FOR YOU!**

This sector provides a great variety of jobs and offers opportunities to ex-service men and women who have a wealth of experience, dedication and enthusiasm; as well as many transferable skills

**We have joined forces *with* Plumpton College** ([**www.plumpton.ac.uk**](http://www.plumpton.ac.uk)**;**) in the South Downs of East Sussex to run 5 day ‘Rural Experience Weeks’ to show you what could be available. Subsequently, we will help you to find work and if necessary the qualifications you will require.

**WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE PART IN OUR**

**‘HANDS-ON’ PILOT WEEKS TO PROVE AND DEVELOP THE SYSTEM.**

**THEY TAKE PLACE AS FOLLOWS:**

* **31 AUGUST TO 5 SEPTEMBER 2014**
* **26 TO 31 OCTOBER 2014**

Here are our objectives:

* To introduce veterans and service leavers to a variety of land based activities including practical skills and qualifications required.
* Give one to one individual vocational counselling and advice on the preparation of CVs.
* Give practical support in Job Finding and/or work experience.

Here is our syllabus:

* + Acquaintance with the Land
  + Support and qualifications available
  + Career Planning
  + Transferable skills – what you all can already do!
  + Individual Interviews
  + Discussion Groups

If you are interested please fill in our Pro-forma below and we would be delighted to have the benefit of your military experience. **The week is free with full accommodation and catering and there are many extra activities available. We would like to discuss options with you in person before the week and can arrange to meet. However it would be great if applicants could be available for both periods so that we can allocate individuals to one or the other – thus giving us flexibility.**

**Here are some of the diverse parts of this sector which are vital to the nation.**

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| **LAND MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION**  Covers all aspects of work on the land from management and administrative roles to practical, ‘hands-on’ activities that may use trades already held.  **Farming**  **Agricultural Engineering**  **Countryside and Environment**  **Conservation**  **Arboriculture**  **Forestry**  **Horticulture**  **Game Keeping and River Management**  **Small Holdings** | **ENVIRONMENTAL (OUTDOOR)DESIGN, PRODUCTION AND LEISURE**  Covers careers available in areas where there is an end product or a service to people, there are opportunities for practical work or skilled craftsmanship. Many of the roles will offer the opportunity for direct contact with the customer and the general public.  **Floristry**  **Horticulture**  **Landscape Design**  **Leisure Pursuits – eg: canoeing, mountaineering**  **Viticulture**  **Green Space Management**  **Sports Turf Management**  **Aquaculture** | **ANIMAL CARE**  Covers the care of all types of animal, there welfare and in many cases training.  **Equine – The Horse industry**  **Farriery**  **Veterinary activities**  **Domestic and Companion Animals**  **Zoos and Wild Life Parks** |

**THE PILOTS ARE DESIGNED TO TEST THE SYSTEM AND WE AIM TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE!**

**SUPPORTED BY THE VERY PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF PLUMPTON COLLEGE WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET THE PROGRAMME RIGHT FIRST TIME**

**THIS COULD RESULT IN YOU EMBARKING ON A WORTHWHILE SECOND CAREER.**

**David Steele**

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**COMPLETED PROFORMA TO BE RETURNED TO:**

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| **HighGround, RHQ, The London Scottish Regiment, 95 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2DX; Or :**  **email:**[**david.steele@highground-uk.org**](mailto:david.steele@highground-uk.org)**- mobile:07766 130656,** [**www.highground-uk.org**](http://highground-uk.org/) |

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| 1. | NAME |  |
| 2. | SERVICE AND TRADE |  |
| 3. | LENGTH/DATES OF SERVICE |  |
| 4. | CONTACT DETAILS:  ADDRESS  E-MAIL  TELEPHONE |  |
| 5. | WHAT LAND BASED WORK ATTRACTS YOU? |  |
| 6. | ANY PARTICULAR PART OF THE COUNTRY YOU WANT TO WORK IN? |  |
| 7. | WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO COME TO LONDON FOR INTERVIEW OR MEET ELSEWHERE PRIOR TO THE EXEPERIENCE WEEK? |  |
| 8. | COULD YOU ATTEND EITHER WEEK? RV-SUNDAY AFTER 1600 HRS | EITHER /OR:  31 AUGUST TO 5 SEPTEMBER- YES/NO  26 TO 31 OCTOBER – YES/NO |
| 9. | DO YOU REQUIRE ANY REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS TO ATTEND – EG: MOBILITY? |  |
| 10. | TRANSPORT - HAYWARDS HEATH RAIL STATION AT 1500 | YES/NO; |
| 11. | IF ARRIVAL BY CAR | VEHICLE REGISTRATION/ MAKE: |
| 12. | DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS? |  |
| **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS** | | |
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Attached are: A HighGround Flyer, A Plumpton College Flyer. A Plumpton Application.

**PLEASE REPY BY THE END OF THE JULY – THERE ARE ONLY 8 PLACES AVAILABLE ON EACH COURSE**

**PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED PLUMPTON APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES**