

Armed Forces Community Careers and Lifestyle Event 24 April 2019 at Kingston Maurward College.

The Dorset Armed Forces Covenant Programme is hosting the county's first careers fair specifically aimed at the Armed Forces community.

It will showcase the employment and training opportunities available both here in Dorset and nationally for those in the process of leaving the Armed Forces, as well as veterans and the families of serving members of the Armed Forces.

Dorset has a large Armed Forces community, with four military bases across the county. This event is the first of its kind to be held outside the military bases in Dorset and it is hoped it will be the first of many.

Cllr David Walsh is chair of the Armed Forces Covenant Programme Board and a veteran himself. He said: "The Armed Forces community brings with it a huge range of skills and knowledge that employers would find invaluable.

"This will be a fantastic opportunity for those leaving the Armed Forces, as well as their spouses and dependents, to see how their experience and skills could benefit others in their community, and provide an exciting new personal challenge."

There will be a diverse range of businesses and organisations offering information, advice and recruitment opportunities to all members of the Armed Forces community. There will also be a rolling programme of speakers and workshops throughout the day, offering insights, advice and training, including support to start up your own business.

Voluntary and community organisations will also be on hand to provide advice, support and guidance, as well as life-coaching to Armed Forces personnel and their families.

Kevin Moore, Dorset's Armed Forces Covenant Programme Coordinator said: "We are excited to be able to put on this exciting event that will offer opportunities and inspiration to everyone within the Armed Forces Community in Dorset.

"There will be a special focus on opportunities for the spouses of serving members of the Armed Forces, as this group can be overlooked."

The event runs between 11 a.m - 7 p.m, with organisers suggesting a stay of at least an hour to make the most of the workshops, information stands and guest speakers throughout the day.

Entry is free to Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families

Businesses and recruiters can book a stand at the event for £20 to promote their organisation and any opportunities they have. Voluntary, charitable and community organisations can book a stand for free.

To book please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/armed-forces-community-careers-and-lifestyle-event-tickets-56416763057>

For more information about booking / attending (including exhibitors) contact Ian Wells: at ian.wells@dorsetcc.gov.uk or on 01305 244307 .