## **Veterans** Outreach **Services**

Veterans in Communities (VIC) is an ex-services charity based in East Lancashire. Established in September 2012, VIC supports ex-service personnel, their families and members of the uniformed services who have experienced difficulties re-integrating with the community on returning to civilian life.

The aim of the Veterans Outreach Service is to engage with the Armed Forces Communities living in East Lancashire and parts of Greater Manchester.

VIC recognises that the needs of ex-service personnel and their family are varied and in some cases complex. It may require a number of organisations to provide the support required. Outreach services allow them to access support locally in non-threatening and non-clinical environments.

The VIC outreach service is primarily a sign posting service. We work with many of the ex-service charities, public, and third sector organisations in the North-west. It is through our working relationships and networks that we can refer on to the appropriate service or services.

The outreach provides free Information, advice and guidance on a number of issues:

- Welfare
- Health
- Education & Training
- Housing
- Benefits
- Social inclusion activities

This service is run by local VIC members who through their own experiences truly understand some of the difficulties that can be experienced with re-integrating back into communities after leaving the Armed Forces.

VIC established its first outreach service in Haslingden in 2011. VIC now has outreach locations, Bacup, Burnley, Darwen, Haslingden, Heywood and Nelson.

Our outreach locations and times can be found on our website.

www.veteransincommunities.org

If this service may be of benefit to you or any of your family please call 01706 833180 or email info@veteransincommunities.org



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