

Veterans 'wellbeing– Not just improving lives but saving them too!



Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement

Front Cover- The 7 Step Civilian Skills Program is going from strength to strength, improving lives and saving them too! For more information please visit- [STEPWAY-7-STEPS](#)

Volunteer for STEPWAY

The day we met MP Johnny Mercer

New Funding for our support services.

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Volunteers of the month-

Top left- Dave Sandy runs the Banter and Brew Sessions in Upton upon Severn. He has recently found a new exclusion venue at Café No-08 which runs every Monday from 1000 - 1400. He has been working tirelessly for the last 18 months to make sure the welfare of Veterans is addressed, and their voices are heard at local and County level.

Top Middle- Tom Bourne came on board recently as the LGBT+ representative and Mentor. Working alongside *Fighting with Pride* to break down those barriers and promoting inclusion for all Veterans no matter their background or circumstance.

Top right- Kyle Toolan- Prison In-reach Volunteer goes above and beyond working within HMP Hewell. Attending the Veteran Forums, delivering the 7-steps as a rehabilitation program and conducting one-one welfare calls. Since working at the Prison, Combat Stress one of our VPPP Midlands portfolio partners reported they have **not received one call** since STEPWAY have been active.



*Welcome our new employee
The Regional Coordinator,
Neil Binder-Ex Royal Navy.*

On joining STEPWAY CIO as a Regional Coordinator Neil commented: "I am excited to be given the opportunity join STEPWAY as the Regional Coordinator and looking forward to working with the team in expanding our support services throughout the Midlands.

Bio- A Royal Navy veteran with a passion for supporting members of the Armed Forces Community. Combines significant experience as a volunteer caseworker for SSAFA. Hosts and manages two Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs in Dudley and Wolverhampton. Has extensive experience as a former Business Development Manager and Consultant in the engineering industry to engage with employers and recruit military veterans and service leavers into civilian companies.

STEPWAY
Supporting all veterans in civilian life

Gift us your time
VOLUNTEER TODAY

Volunteers are an important and valued part of STEPWAY. We hope that you enjoy volunteering with us and feel a full part of our team.

What sort of Volunteering roles are there at STEPWAY?

[More information](#)

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN WORCESTER AND OLDBURY



Worcester- The Bee keeping, and the mushroom farm projects have now started- For more info and/or if you wish to join us, please contact Paul direct- **07522 965645**.

*It is all about Bio-Diversity at the Community garden in Worcester... Receiving grants from **Kingspan** and **Worcester City Council**, we can continue educating and providing a support service for the whole community to enjoy.*



Oldbury – Thank you to Volunteers Simon & Cameron for building our BBQ. Soon we will be having lunch in glorious sunshine.

If you would like to join us at the Community Garden, please call Carol direct on – **07773 625573**.

BANTER AND BREWS- We have some wonderful news concerning the Banter and Brew Sessions.

STEPWAY recently received a grant from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust to start these sessions to Redditch and Bromsgrove. Watch this space!

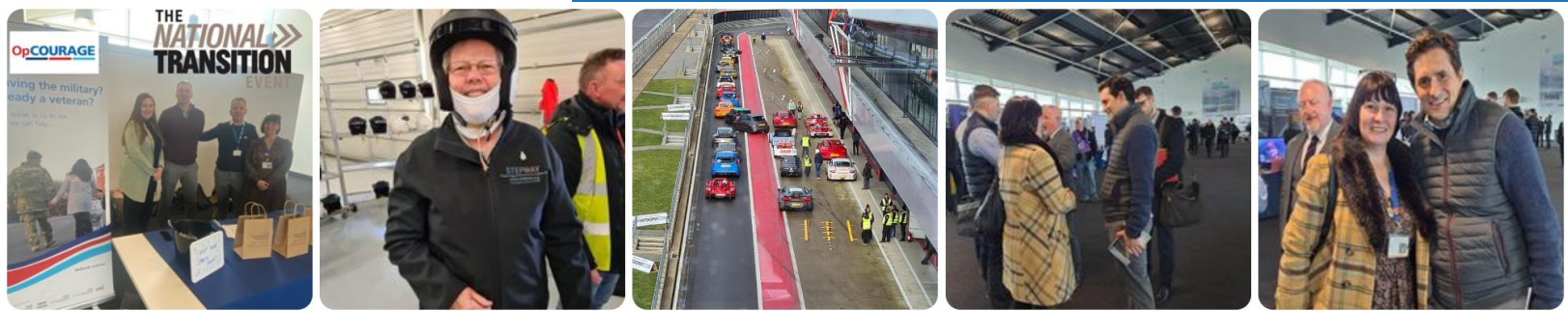
STEPWAY also received grants from Sports England £7,400 for activities and from SCVO Vision- £2,900 For the walk and talk project, in Sandwell.



The National > Transition event- Mission Motorsports

STEPWAY attended this event and brought a few Veterans along to try out the passenger experience at the Silverstone racetrack. Everyone who joined in thoroughly enjoyed the day!

It was a good opportunity to network with not only with our partners in the Midlands VPPP portfolio but to also meet MP Johnny Mercer, Veterans Affairs Minister, catch up with Op-Courage whom we work very closely with and gaining new working partnerships along the way!



Andrew Paggett- Veteran, enjoying the experience.

Darren Jaye- Veteran with Marie Kearney- Veteran and Trustee getting ready to go on the racetrack.

Andrew ready for his adrenaline rush!

GOING FOR GOLD- ERS

A big thank you to DRPG and the Studio 212 team, MC Major Collie and keynote speakers, the local Reserve units, [The Bands of HM Royal Marines](#) – The West Midlands Employer Engagement team worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to make it all come together.



For more information about signing the Armed Forces pledge, please visit- [ERS](#)

Dawn Turner, CEO and Tina Dales, Operations Director send thanks as they enjoyed the whole day!

The next round of the 7 Step Civilian skills Program starts in April 2023 at the Worcester HUB



For more information about the course, please visit- [7-STEPS](#)

DATES- April 17th to April 28th

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BOOK YOUR FREE WORK PRESENTATION [HERE:](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Courses, Presentations and Workshops

APRIL- 3rd -Monday – Monthly morning workshop and afternoon training course. FREE course equipment, lunch, and refreshments provided.

STEPWAY Veterans HUB, The Trinity, Worcester WR1 2PN. 1000 – 1500

For more information and to reserve your FREE place on a course or to book a company presentation, please click [HERE](#)

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