

Waterloo Uncovered Programmes 2021 – Applications Open!

Waterloo Uncovered (WU) combines world-class archaeology with programmes that support Veterans and Serving Military Personnel. Since 2015, the Charity has been excavating the site of one of the world's most decisive battles - Waterloo in Belgium. In that time, we've made important discoveries about the fighting there, and about the people who took part in the battle. Over 100 veterans and serving military personnel (from the UK, Europe, and as far afield and America) have been given the chance to participate so far. We are now looking for our 2021 participants.

Discovery into Recovery

Taking part in a WU programme is a great way to learn about history and archaeology, develop new skills, meet new people, and get a different perspective on life. Participation can help rebuild health and confidence, mix with individuals from a variety of backgrounds, and contribute to a world-class archaeology project. You don't have to be wounded, injured or sick to take part in any of WU's programmes, all you have to do is have served in the armed forces or still be serving. Our archaeology and history are suitable for all levels and our Programmes are aimed at individuals who are looking for support in the areas of recovery, wellbeing, transition into civilian life, vocation, education or employment.

Programmes in 2021

WU is currently looking to recruit participants for its 2021 Programmes. Spaces are limited, and our application process works on a first-come-first-served basis. Those who want to apply will be asked to complete and return an Application Form, with a limited number being called through to interview for a space on one of WU's Programmes. Our Application Process closes on March 18th, with interviews (online) taking place later that month. To apply please email apply@waterloouncovered.com. All our 2021 Programmes have been designed with Covid in mind, so they will be taking place this year.

Virtual Archaeology Programme - a 12-month Virtual Programme open to veterans and serving personnel, ideal for anyone interested in military history or archaeology. Participants will learn about the Battle of Waterloo, military history, and archaeology while developing a toolkit of new strategies to support with day-to-day life. This programme will help reduce social isolation as well as create real skills and opportunities. The programme's centrepiece will be a six-week educational package (featuring lectures, seminars, and other group and interactive activities). It will also include regular wrap-around wellbeing support. The programme will start in mid-April.

Finds Programme - a 12-month programme, for veterans only, that focuses on archaeological finds. Supported by the National Army Museum, this programme is ideal for those who like heritage and museums and want to meet and work with similar individuals. The programme focuses on finds from WU excavations at Waterloo and building a Finds Handling Collection - to be used for broader educational purposes when the country opens-up again. The programme will include wrap-around wellbeing support. Application is now open, with selection interviews in March. The programme will not start in full until September, but there will be regular contact throughout.

Creative Arts Programme - a 12-month programme, for veterans only, explores the Battle of Waterloo through the creative arts. Lead by artists and creative writers, the programme will offer veterans an opportunity to explore their creative side. This programme is for veterans with some, none, or a lot of artistic experience and will comprise a series of workshops and one-on-one sessions with the artists. The course will culminate in a residential weekend (ideally in person) in August, and some of the artistic outputs will go on display in the National Army Museum. The programme will include wrap-around wellbeing support. Applications are now open, with selection interviews in March. The programme will not start in full until July, but there will be regular contact but there will be regular contact throughout.

If any of these programmes appeals to you, or someone you know, please email apply@waterloouncovered.com to request more information and an application form. For wider information about what we do, and who we are as a charity, head to <https://waterloouncovered.com/>.

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