CONNECTED FORCES ONLINE COMMUNITY

Your questions answered:

What's the project all about?

Connected Forces is a fully-funded opportunity for young people across the UK from Armed Forces families to make friends and support each other through shared experiences. There'll be optional activities and live sessions to support you with career and education-related decisions. The project is run by the SCiP Alliance in partnership with Brightside and the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

How long does it last for?

The project will last for 1 year, until October 2022. There is no expectation to use it every day: you can dip in and out whenever you'd like to chat. We'll also keep you updated with the latest events or activities happening on the platform so you can log back in whenever you'd like to take part.

Who will I interact with?

You'll be in group chats with others from Armed Forces families within your own age group, with the opportunity to move into 1:1 chats if there's anybody you'd like to chat to individually. You'll also be able to connect with older/younger users including university students via the 'Communities' section, where you can participate in discussion threads. There'll be great opportunities to meet people from careers or educational backgrounds that you're interested in via our Ask the Expert feature.

Is the platform safe?

Yes! Brightside have been running online projects for 18 years and our number one priority is the safety of young people. All communication takes place on Brightside's online platform and app which complies with the latest data protection regulations. The online platform has a security certificate and is a secure site. All staff involved are trained and must have an enhanced DBS check.

What if I feel shy about online communication?

No worries! The project is designed to help you get to know each other and there'll be plenty of optional activities to support this. You'll have the option to chat in small groups or post on our larger discussion forums, so there's something for everyone.

Find out more: scan the QR code or click here to receive further information about the project and an upcoming information session.

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