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## Veterans Collective Advocacy Group

“Stronger Together”



## Are you a veteran?

If you are a veteran of the British Armed Forces living in Scotland, you are invited to join this collective advocacy project. Our goal is to amplify ALL veteran voices and perspectives to guide the work of the Scottish Veterans Wellbeing Alliance. This includes, but is not restricted to, veterans of minority religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds, of the LGBTQIA+ community, women, and other traditionally under-represented groups within the military community.



## What is collective advocacy?

Collective advocacy creates space for people to get together, express views and consider ways forward. This type of collaboration can help individuals to speak up about their experiences, values, and expectations. People may unite to campaign and influence the agendas that shape influence their lives and the lives of people like them. In this coordinated way, the group can make impact in areas where an individual may be overlooked.

This veterans' collective advocacy project is set up to influence the work of Scottish Veterans Wellbeing Alliance (SVWA) member organizations, and to help veterans across Scotland to regain control of their life-after-service narrative.

## What is the Scottish Veterans Wellbeing Alliance (SVWA)?

The Scottish Veterans' Wellbeing Alliance (SVWA) is a network of 20+ UK Armed Forces charities, who have a collective mission to improve the lives of veterans and their families within Scotland. Alliance member organizations use their unique strengths to collectively provide spaces and places across Scotland where veteran communities can receive and provide support and develop community.

Our collective advocacy group ensures that veterans' lived experiences are represented and reflected in the services provided by SVWA member organisations.

## What does the group do?

Our goal is to amplify the voices of veterans. The group decides how it wants to do this—it is experience-led—and has a CAPS worker to facilitate the work. There are many ways to contribute. Groups often engage through a mixture of in-person events, virtual collaborations, and social media. You determine your level your involvement, and how you want to engage. There is no formal commitment or membership required.

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