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Welcome

It is our pleasure to welcome you to this national Conference of the Association of Service Drop-In Centres. We are joined by delegates from the armed forces, public service, and veteran community from across the UK, and we would like to thank you all for being here today.



ASDIC is a membership organisation that represents and links veterans' drop-ins across the country. Our mission is to improve the sustainability and effectiveness of these centres, ensuring all veterans are appropriately supported in their local communities. While our first years of operation have brought unique challenges – chiefly the onset of a global pandemic – our members rose to the challenge. A testament to the resilience of this community, ASDIC has grown from strength to strength. We believe there has been a cultural shift, where the pandemic has revealed an appetite for locally based, homegrown support, which ASDIC is proud to champion.

Having missed visiting our members during lockdown, one of today's greatest pleasures is meeting so many of you in person. This is a fantastic opportunity to share our experiences and get to know one another, all in the historic setting of the Royal Armouries Museum which I hope you will find time to enjoy.

We have a varied programme in store over the next two days, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our speakers who join us from the ASDIC and Armed Forces Community, and beyond. The conference is not only a chance to discuss our unique approach to veteran's support and welfare, but to celebrate the success of ASDIC and its members. We're at an exciting time of growth as a Network, and we look forward to sharing our future plans with you and moving forward together.

Tracy Bryant - Chief Executive Officer

| Conference Programme - Day 1 | | |
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| 1115 | Welcome and Introduction | |
| | Before we begin... A Yorkshire Welcome Welcome from the Chair | Barry Bryant - ASDIC Executive Director Sue Baker - High Sheriff of West Yorkshire David Trotman - ASDIC Chair of Trustees |
| 1130 | What is a Drop-In? | |
| | What is a Drop-In? Veterans Outreach Support Lived Experience | Malcolm Farrow - ASDIC Regional Director Ian Millen - VOS Chief Executive Officer Mark Hodgkinson and Steve Owen - Woody's |
| 1215 | Lunch | Wellington Room |
| 1325 | Why ASDIC? | |
| | ASDIC | Tracy Bryant - ASDIC Chief Executive Officer |
| 1340 | Drop-In Delivery and More | |
| | Veterans in Crisis Forward Assist East Sussex Veterans Hub | Ger Fowler - Chief Executive Officer Nicole Dodds - Veterans Care Coordinator Bernard Stonestreet - Executive Secretary |
| 1430 | The Wider Perspective | |
| | COBSEO Veterans Scotland NI Veterans Support Office VAPC Thoughts from Business | Nick Pope - Chairman Jim Wilson - Secretary Danny Kinahan - Veterans Commissioner NI Johnny Lighten - Chairman Clive Hamilton - Vice Chairman Woody's |
| 1550 | Afternoon Tea | Wellington Room |
| 1625 | Integrated Care | |
| | Strategic Overview Armed Forces Network VCHA | Richard Swarbrick - Head of AF Partnerships Kate Parkin - Director NHS AF Community Guy Benson - Team Leader VCHA |
| 1715 | View from the Government | |
| | Office for Veterans' Affairs | Sam Tilotson - Deputy Director OVA |
| 1730 | Keynote | |
| | The Power of the Drop-In | Melloney Poole - Former CEO, AFCT |
| 1800 | Reception | Please join us for canapés & drinks in the Oriental Gallery |

| Conference Programme - Day 2 | | |
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| 0930 | Gaps & Barriers - Joining things up | |
| | ASDIC | Tracy Bryant |
| 0940 | Support Programmes | |
| | RFEA Project Nova Veterans UK Department of Work & Pensions | Alistair Halliday - Chief Executive Officer Steve Lowe - Manager North (England) Kate McCullogh - Officer in Charge DTS Dotun Lawal & Charleigh Rivers - DWP |
| 1045 | Local Resources | |
| | Community Funds, Trusts, Foundations Local Authorities Engagement | David Trottman & Dorinda Wolfe Murray Laura Ingham - MD Wigan AF Community Hub |
| 1115 | Morning Coffee | Wellington Room |
| 1140 | National Resources | |
| | Forces in Mind Trust Veterans Foundation Armed Forces Covenant Trust | Mike Ellicock - Chief Executive Officer David Shaw - Chief Executive Officer Anna Wright - Chief Executive Officer |
| 1230 | Plans for the Future | |
| | ASDIC | Tracy Bryant |
| 1240 | Closing Remarks & Thanks | |
| | ASDIC | Barry Bryant |
| 1250 | Lunch | Wellington Room |

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