



**Greenwich Hospital**  
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## **GREENWICH HOSPITAL AND RBLI JOIN FORCES TO HELP FAMILIES**

Greenwich Hospital and RBLI (Royal British Legion Industries) have formed a collaboration to offer training to help ex-service personnel and their spouses, via RBLI's highly acclaimed 'LifeWorks' programme which has a focus on employability. Greenwich Hospital has presented RBLI with an initial payment of nearly £70,000 for 2016/2017, the first in a three year programme of support.

John Gamp, Charity Director of Greenwich Hospital said, "Greenwich Hospital is delighted to fund RBLI's Lifeworks programme for the families of serving Royal Naval personnel. Lifeworks aims to improve and enhance families' opportunities for employability, personal and social development, particularly whilst their loved ones are away for lengthy deployments at sea."

The funding is supporting two outreach activities, LifeWorks for Families and LifeWorks for Veteran Offenders.

LifeWorks for Families has been developed and is delivered by RBLI and equips military spouses/partners with the skills and confidence to find employment and/or develop a career, offering one-on-one support for individuals as they face re-entry into civilian life.

LifeWorks for Veteran Offenders is a programme designed to reach ex-service men and women on their release from the Criminal Justice System. This year RBLI is working in 11 prisons across the UK, helping people build a second life through finding sustainable employment.

"We are honoured to be working with Greenwich Hospital on these important outreach projects which have proven to make a difference in people's lives," said Steve Sherry, Chief Executive of RBLI.

Greenwich Hospital is a unique Royal Naval Crown Charity founded in 1694 to support serving and retired Royal Navy seamen and their families. Today it disburses some £6m annually providing benevolence, support, advice, education and housing to some 28,000 serving and retired Naval Service personnel and their families. The Hospital's strategic aim is to find and implement upstream interventions to minimise downstream problems; in effect to help its beneficiaries to put their lives on upward trajectories and to reduce the likelihood of their needing long-term charitable support in the future.

In particular Greenwich Hospital is committed to awarding educational bursaries for Royal Naval children at The Royal Hospital School; providing sheltered housing for retired RN personnel and their spouses; and awarding regular charitable payments and block grants through other Naval charities.

To find out more about Greenwich Hospital, please contact [enquiries@grenhosp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@grenhosp.org.uk) or visit our website [www.grenhosp.org.uk](http://www.grenhosp.org.uk)

RBLI, has been offering support to ex-service men and women at a high standard for 97 years and its skill in this area is now recognised as second to none. From its head office, in Aylesford, Kent, the charity delivers, training and mentoring programmes; provides housing and assisted housing for returning veterans who are facing challenges, as well as nursing care as required and offers practical work experience for many with challenges in its manufacturing unit – Britain's Bravest Manufacturing Company. The charity is known for influencing policy and championing the way forward to bridge the disability employment gap. Further information can be found at [www.rbli.co.uk](http://www.rbli.co.uk)