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Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying to become a member of the Board of Trustees for the Forces Employment Charity. I hope that this letter will provide you with a sense of the Charity's purpose and the pride that we all, as Trustees, have in serving our clients and beneficiaries by providing the Governance, vision and oversight of one of the oldest military charities.

Our Charity traces its roots to 1885 when it was created to support former-service people with securing gainful employment following military service. We are immensely proud of our heritage and that we continue to provide this support to the whole of the Armed Forces community so that every veteran and their families can secure and maintain fulfilling careers following their transition from the Services.

Our Impact report from 2023 ([FEC Impact Report 2023](#)) shows the breadth of support offered by the incredible staff at the Forces Employment Charity. There are bespoke programmes for a range of cohorts; all thoughtfully designed to address the specific needs that they have. All of the programmes have employment at their core; driven by the understanding that once someone has achieved fulfilling work, other difficulties that may exist around finances, relationships, secure home, etc, become much simpler to address.

Since we combined the employment work of the Officers' Association and the work of RFEA in 2022, we have been on a mission to raise the profile of the Forces Employment Charity. As Trustees, we see this as a critical enabler in ensuring that we meet the need of the Armed Forces Community and we have been delighted by the increasing brand recognition that we have seen following a structured, well-resourced, communications plan; we have more still to do and you are considering joining an ambitious, driven, and committed Board of Trustees in supporting the Charity to develop, grow and deliver in the coming years.

As the Chair of Trustees, I am continuously delighted and awed by the phenomenal results that our passionate, well-qualified, motivated team deliver on a day-to-day basis. The quality of the services that they deliver is a key driver in the increasing numbers of beneficiaries that we support.

I am delighted that you are considering applying to join the Board of Trustees and very much look forward to receiving your letter of application and CV.

Yours faithfully,



B Farrell MBE
Chair of Trustees