

3.2.3 Working with undergraduates

Identifying those from a military service background

If your institution is happy for you to do this on ethical or data protection grounds you can:

- Search student applications for SOC2010 codes for parental occupation: 33110 (NCOs), 11710 (officers)
- Intranet advert sample wording:

Do you come from a military service background?

If you understand the issues military families face, could you inspire and support local military service children?

The widening participation team will be running two 'Creative Forces' days for local military service children and their teachers.

We would like as many of our students who are from this background themselves to join us, make a difference to the lives of children both locally and nationally and share your own experiences.

Please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

Working events and developing peer support

Supported preparation and involvement in events for military service children has a positive impact on students themselves. University of Winchester research into the impact of ambassador work on students found that events focussed on children from a similar background to them gave students the opportunity to reflect on their own lives and the narrative or identity they have as a result of their background; 'That was just amazing to meet people that had a similar background as me'.

Students working on Creative Forces days overwhelmingly felt that it opened their eyes to how their own experience was so similar to others. Creating these links with students with shared experiences enhances the students' experience and student engagement.

