

Veter Aid

Is a soon to be set up charity/disaster relief organisation based in Wales.

In short it is to provide Rapid Victuals Support to natural disasters in the UK and abroad using the same concept as WCK please see link <https://wck.org/wefeedpeople>. The difference is it will have operations mainly run and organised by both paid and volunteer veterans from both ex-military and ex-blue light services.

Jose Andreas and WCK since the Haiti earthquake has been a front runner in being able to provide rapid emergency food and water to victims of natural disasters. His concept is mainly to engage local suppliers, distributors, chefs, and eateries and link them together with local volunteers to create large emergency kitchens all managed by WCK and its employees. In most disaster situations the components to provide the aid are either all at hand or close by but what is needed is experienced trained teams and funds to put them together as fast as possible and run them efficiently. Its philosophy is to get food in the mouths today, not tomorrow or next week and leave long term aid and support to those larger government supported organisations. Since its conception WCK has provided over 10million meals to both victims and responders.

V.Aid is a double edged sword. Its purpose is to help veterans to help others in need. For many the transition from military to civilian life is a difficult one. The charity aims to help by setting up a volunteer groups and employing those best suited. Also it will promote and work with organisations that provide advice and help such as providing a pop-up kitchen and providing nourishment to events they are supporting. Veterans because of their professional training and experience are able to work under pressure in an efficient manner working as a team in sometimes less than favourable conditions. They are also perfectly suited to deal with organisational/logistical issues and to work with local businesses, volunteers and fellow aid charities.

What is required-

The formation of a steering group comprising of potential Trustees and members. I firmly believe, the best way forward is to from the outset, have the steering group collectively decide the charities formation and start up.

Like minded individuals who feel as passionate about about the need for a Professional UK based International Rapid Emergency Food Relief Organisation as I do. Though there are obviously other well respected organisations which offer a wider range of disaster aid, V.Aid is to focus solely on emergency kitchens and food aid.

Those interested must be prepared to work as a team and not be daunted by the challenge ahead.

Steering group is to decide upon-

The appointment of trustees.

Agree on the charities structure. CIO charity- either Association or Foundation model.

The writing up of the governing document setting out its purpose and how it is going to operate.

Identify what key challenges the charity is expected to face over the next 3-5 years.

Develop the charities strategy giving it a clear sense of purpose

Look at funding options and formulate a plan.

Trustees minimum of 3 ideally 6 (Meet 4-8 times /year. Face to face or remotely)

Should ideally be a diverse mixture of professions and positions from both military and civilian life.

The main trustees duties will be to-

1-Ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit.

2-Comply with the charity's governing document and the law.

3-Act in the charities best interests.

4-Manage the charities resources responsibly.

5-Act with reasonable care and skill.

6-Ensure the charity is accountable.

The charity's employees are responsible for the day to day running of the charity and regularly report back to all trustees

The relationship between members and trustees and employees is of utmost importance

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If you feel you would like more information on the above or would look to be involved either as a trustee, member or simply wish to offer your assistance on the initial steering group please contact-

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