

## Ten good reasons to attend the North East Reserves Experience

The North East Reserves Experience is taking place at Benton Park View (Amble Inn), Newcastle upon Tyne NE98 1ZZ on Thursday 22 September. Whatever you do in the Civil Service - whether you're a director, a line manager, an HR specialist or if you just want to find out a little more about joining the Reserves - you'll discover something at the North East Reserves Experience to intrigue and engage you. It'll only take a couple of hours of your time.

Here are just ten reasons to attend:

**1. Find out what it's really like to be a Reservist**

Get a taste of life as a Reservist, the sorts of challenges they're likely to confront and the experiences they gain.

**2. Learn about the huge variety of roles that are available in the Reserves**

Did you know that there are literally hundreds of different and exciting opportunities to choose from in the Royal Navy, Army and RAF Reserves? There's so much more to being a Reservist than combat roles.

**3. Find out how the Reserves give you and your team the opportunity to learn new skills**

Reserve service gives you the chance to develop a whole range of different, valuable and transferable skills, such as leadership, communication, teamwork, decision-making, working under pressure and delivering at pace.

**4. Understand how Reserve service can enhance your - and your team's - performance in the Civil Service**

You'll be amazed at just how relevant the training, skills and experience you gain in the Reserves are to your Civil Service role and the extent to which they can be put to good use back in the day job.

**5. Talk face-to-face with civil servant Reservists**

You'll hear first-hand about who they are, what they do and how they successfully balance the Reserves with a job in the Civil Service.

**6. Discover how supportive the Civil Service is to its Reservist employees**

Every government department recognises the commitment made to Reserve service by giving its Reservist employees 15 days special paid leave every year for training.

**7. Get some hands-on experience of life in the Reserves**

The Reserves Experience is designed to be immersive and highly interactive. For example, as well as trying out some of the kit, you'll even get the chance

to carry out a simple group task to bring out your leadership and teamwork skills.

**8. Be inspired by the Reservists' enthusiasm**

You'll be impressed by the dedication of the Reservists you meet and the pride they take in the work they do. As one previous attendee said "I was struck by the obvious passion they had for the job they carry out in the Reserves."

**9. Bust some of those myths and preconceptions**

Did you know that you get paid to be a Reservist, as well as getting a tax-free training bounty? That you can join the Reserves up to the age of 50, depending on the role? That Reserve service doesn't mean spending long periods away from home? As one attendee said of the Reserves Experience, "There is a lot that people could learn about the Reserves."

**10. Last but by no means least, have some fun with your colleagues!**

So, if we've piqued your interest, why not register now to attend the [North East Reserves Experience](#)