



Originally from Leeds, Steve served an apprenticeship as a mechanical engineer and then spent four years as a TA soldier living on unemployment benefits

before going to Coventry University and obtaining a BA (Hons) in Applied Social Science. Having moved around the UK and Germany with work in the IT sector, Steve now works full-time as a project manager in Portsmouth. Having spent four years being unemployed himself, Steve is particularly interested in the benefits system and veterans affairs. Steve and his wife Shirley have lived in Gosport for 5 years and although he still considers himself to be a Yorkshireman in exile, they really enjoy living on the south coast. Steve is a qualified Rugby League coach and lifelong Leeds Rhinos fan.