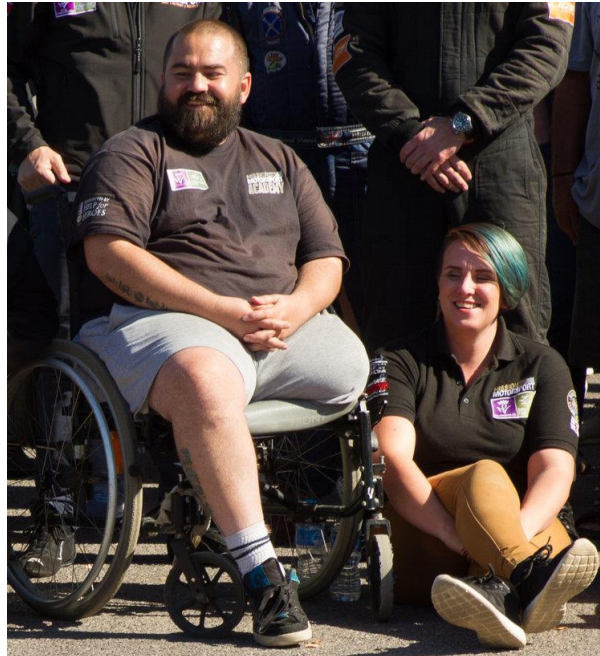


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LAYLA LEECH - PARTNER OF MM BENEFICIARY LIONEL O'CONNOR



Layla's husband Lionel is a former soldier having served in the 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment (The Poachers). During a routine vehicle patrol in Basra during an operational tour of Iraq his vehicle was struck by an IED blast. Sadly, two of his colleagues, Private Joseva 'Lewi' Lewaicei and Private Adam Morris were killed. Lionel survived but lost his left leg above the knee and was medically discharged in 2013.

"Mission Motorsport has been a lifeline, Lionel wouldn't leave the house, he wouldn't interact with the family. He had no goals or anything to look forward to, frustrated and angry, he often felt useless and he would just sit playing games and getting worse and worse. Since joining Mission Motorsport this has all changed. They have shown him he is still able to do things he thought he never would and has learnt so many new skills.

"Running the car control team has given him something to look forward to every month and given him a purpose rather than feeling useless. He is completely different now, I have my husband back and the kids have their father back. Mission Motorsport is like a massive family and it's not only just about the guys and girls, they are also here for the families behind the beneficiaries.

"The support network is massive, they help and give advice as much as they can or just be there to listen, what they do is priceless. They truly care and what they do makes a huge difference, we can't thank them enough."