

WHO'S RUNNING NCS?

In the South West, NCS is delivered by a partnership of colleges and voluntary organisations across the region, led by Petroc.

The organisations in the partnership are:

Bournemouth & Poole College

Bournemouth Churches Housing Association

Bridgwater College

Cirencester College

City College Plymouth

Community First / Youth Action Wiltshire

Community Action South West

Cornwall College

Engage4Life

Future Foundations

Gloucestershire College

Kingston Maurward College

National Star College

New College Swindon

Petroc

Richard Huish College

Somerset College

South Glos & Stroud College

Swindon College

Weymouth College

Yeovil College



HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET INVOLVED?

Young people or their parents/guardians can express interest in NCS by sending us their name and contact details.

Places are available on a first come first served basis. Young people can secure a place by completing a Participant Sign Up Record form (which will need to be signed by a parent/guardian) and paying the £35 deposit.



IT ALL STARTS AT YES

If you have any questions about NCS, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



WHAT IS NCS?

NCS is the National Citizen Service programme, the government's largest youth initiative aimed at those who are currently, or soon to be, 16-17 years old.

NCS aims to help young people with the transition to adulthood, promote a more cohesive, responsible and engaged society by bringing young people from a range of different backgrounds together to make a difference in their communities.

Young people taking part will have the opportunity to take on new challenges, learn new skills and build their confidence. They will have the chance to prove to themselves and their peers what they can achieve, as well as gaining the kinds of experiences that employers and educational institutions value.

NCS started in 2011 and has grown to offer 50,000 places to young people across England in 2013.



THE NCS PROGRAMME

Young people can take part in NCS during spring, summer or autumn. The programme is made up of 4 sections. During the summer, sections 1-3 take place over three weeks followed by a further 30 hours of part-time social action delivery.

Week 1: A stay away from home, taking part in a range of outdoor activities designed to challenge participants, and build their confidence and team working skills.

Week 2: Another residential stay, closer to home, where young people work with their local community on rewarding projects and learning new skills.

Week 3: This section is non-residential and focuses on teams interacting with the wider world around them. They meet with businesses and community groups, then design a social action project to address an issue the team is passionate about.

Week 4 and beyond: On a part-time basis, young people will deliver the social action project they designed during Section 3 to make a real difference to the local community.

When does it start?

The residential trips take place outside of term time. There are a range of start dates available to help young people fit NCS around other holiday plans.

WHO CAN TAKE PART IN NCS?

NCS is available to young people currently or soon to be 16-17 years old. Young people will take part in teams of between 12 and 16, supported at all times by two fully trained and CRB checked mentors.

How much does it cost?

NCS is FREE! Young people will need to pay a £35 deposit* to secure their place, but this will be refunded once they have successfully completed the programme.

*If you're unable to pay this deposit, please contact us.

What are the benefits?

NCS is a fun and exciting opportunity for young people to learn new skills which will make a real difference to their future. Whether they are applying to College, University, for an Apprenticeship or looking for employment, NCS will boost their CV and ensure they stand out from the crowd.

What happens after NCS?

All participants will attend a graduation ceremony and will be able to join a network of NCS graduates and ambassadors. They will benefit from on-going opportunities to get involved in social action and volunteering.

