



**SAY HELLO
TO NCS**



NCS is committed to working in partnership with all professionals who work directly with young people. We aim to improve referral pathways and ensure that all those eligible for the programme can benefit from taking part in NCS; especially for those who are vulnerable and disproportionately affected by COVID.

This information is intended to support your conversation with young people about what they can expect from an NCS programme, the support available, and how to sign up in their area.

NCS experience

NCS brings together young people, aged 16-17, from different backgrounds all across England, for a unique shared experience. It provides the opportunity to mix with a new crowd, learn new skills for life, take on new challenges and build lifelong friendships along the way. In addition to our summer and autumn programmes, NCS also delivers year round support:

Skills Booster: tools and support for schools to build meaningful and impactful personal development curriculums

NCS Connect: our digital hub for young people, full of bite-sized content from debates to life lessons, playlists to fun challenges, creative inspiration and more

NCS Changemakers: where thousands of young people across 150 local authorities will be given the opportunity to do good in their communities by dedicating five hours a month to social action

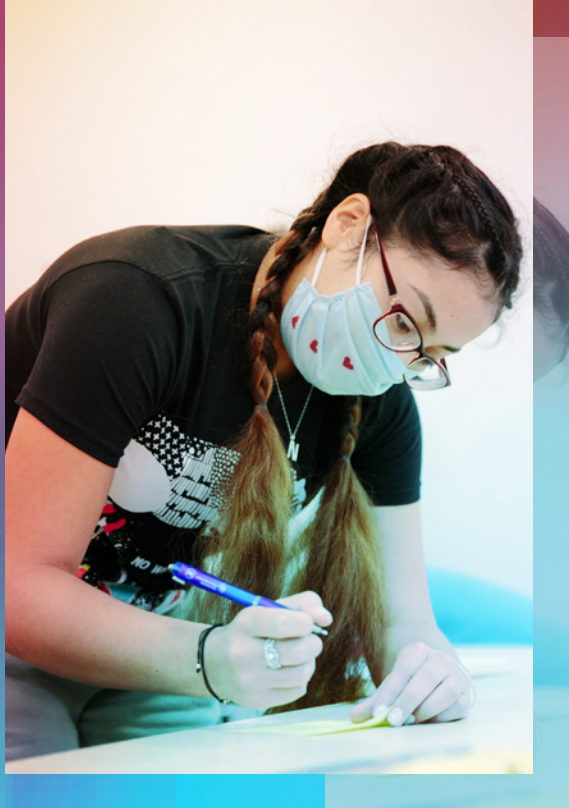
All of these will advocate working as part of a team, reflecting on new experiences, exploring enterprise and the world of work, and leading a community-based social action project.

NCS also incorporates the [Skills Builder Universal Framework](#). Activities and experiences are mapped to the framework, supporting young people to understand their own development and how the essential skills translate into real-world settings. All young people will make new connections, experience personal development, and be inspired to help their community rebuild post-COVID.

Young people will leave NCS, with:

- Knowledge of a more diverse range of people and greater recognition and respect for those from different backgrounds
- Awareness of education, training and employment opportunities, and higher aspirations
- Awareness of the challenges faced by communities and a stronger sense of social responsibility
- Awareness of a broader range of connections, enabling a greater contribution to communities
- Life skills, so they are better prepared for whatever life throws at them





Bursary

NCS is accessible and inclusive in both design and delivery to ensure that, as far as is reasonably possible, all young people can fully participate in all that is offered. NCS recognises that for some young people and their families, the contribution fee of £50 may be a barrier.

Young people eligible for a bursary* will be asked to make a contribution of £10 and, under circumstances where a young person requires a full bursary, individuals would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

*Those eligible for a bursary funded place on NCS are: in, or have recently left the care of the local authority, currently eligible for free school meals, have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), Young Carers.

Safeguarding

NCS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff throughout the organisation.



Signing up

Young people aged 16 and 17 years old* can sign up to take part in NCS online via wearencs.com

*young people with SEND and who have an Education, Health and Care Plan up to age 25.

Young people will be asked to enter their contact details and the school they attend. If a young person is not in full-time education, they can select the 'I do not attend school' option.

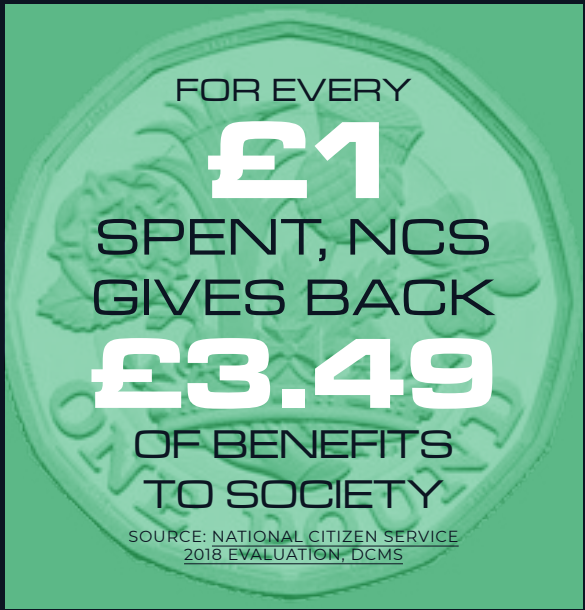
To discuss any specifics ahead of signing up, young people can call us on 0800 197 8010 for support and to ask any questions.

For a further conversation about working in partnership with NCS in your local area please contact:
communityengagement@ncstrust.org.uk



[WEARENCs.COM](https://wearencs.com)





FOR EVERY
£1
SPENT, NCS
GIVES BACK
£3.49
OF BENEFITS
TO SOCIETY

SOURCE: NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE
2018 EVALUATION, DCMS

70%
OF PARTICIPANTS FELT
MORE CONFIDENT
ABOUT
**GETTING
A JOB IN
THE FUTURE**
AS A RESULT OF
GOING ON NCS

SOURCE: NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE
2018 EVALUATION, DCMS

OVER
600,000
YOUNG PEOPLE
HAVE TAKEN PART IN NCS TO DATE

SOURCE: NCS TRUST

NCS PARTNERS
WITH OVER
120
CHARITIES,
FOOTBALL
CLUBS, PRIVATE
ENTERPRISES,
LOCAL COUNCILS,
SCHOOLS & COLLEGES
TO DELIVER THE PROGRAMME
TO YOUNG PEOPLE

SOURCE: NCS TRUST

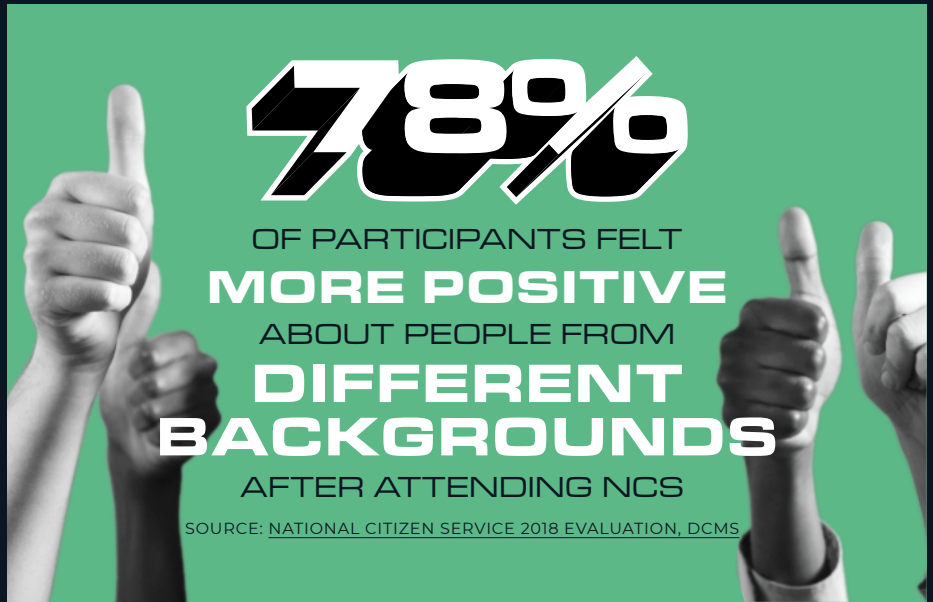


NCS PARTICIPANTS
HAVE NOW GIVEN

**15
MILLION +
HOURS**

**IN SOCIAL
ACTION**

SOURCE: NCS TRUST



78%
OF PARTICIPANTS FELT
MORE POSITIVE
ABOUT PEOPLE FROM
**DIFFERENT
BACKGROUNDS**
AFTER ATTENDING NCS

SOURCE: NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE 2018 EVALUATION, DCMS

IN 2019

29% OF NCSERS WERE BAME <small>COMPARED TO 25% OF STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS</small>	6.2% WERE SEND <small>COMPARED TO 1.7% OF STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS</small>
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SOURCE: NCS TRUST