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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

National Citizen Service (NCS) is a government backed programme that helps young people build skills for work, life and transition into adulthood. It invites all Year 11 and Year 12 students to be the best they can be, whatever their background and ambition.

At the heart of NCS is the unfailing belief that given the tools, respect and opportunity, young people can change the world around them.

It is this belief that drives all those who bring NCS to thousands of young people across the country, which helps turn their raw energy and talent into more positive and successful futures.



About The Challenge Network

The Challenge Network was founded in 2009 with the mission “to connect and inspire people to strengthen their communities”, and is the largest provider of NCS in the UK. From an initial programme of 200 participants in 2009, summer 2013 saw over 12,500 young people take part in NCS powered by The Challenge nationwide.

To find out more about The Challenge Network, please visit www.the-challenge.org





What happens on NCS with The Challenge

NCS with The Challenge is an intensive, part-residential programme that takes place over 15 days in the summer holidays, followed by 4 social action weekend days in the autumn. There is also a shorter programme in the autumn half term. The programme is in 3 parts:

Personal Challenge – participants face their fears, develop confidence and bond with team mates on an action packed residential.

Team Challenge – team mates work together to learn a new skill in sport, media, photography, music, drama or enterprise in a university setting.

Real Challenge – using their newly acquired skills, teams design a social action project in the local area, and pitch their project to win funding to make it happen.

Funding and cost

There is no cost to your school or college. The government funds the cost of each place which covers activities, transport, food and accommodation. All we ask for is a maximum £50 administration fee. Financial support is available on a case by case basis to ensure NCS is open to all.

Safety

The safety and well-being of participants is paramount to NCS powered by The Challenge. Our partners have more than 150 years of collective experience working with young people, providing us with a wealth of knowledge and expertise. All activities are comprehensively risk-assessed and overseen by carefully selected trained instructors and mentors, who undergo Enhanced DBS (former in CRB) checks. Our record speaks for itself with nearly 65,000 young people having been through NCS successfully to date.

