

# **NCS**

**YOUR NCS SCHOOL  
COORDINATOR**

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**2020**



## NCS IN MY AREA

We are a team of 6 who deliver the National Citizen Service programme, across the Huddersfield area in Kirklees; based at Huddersfield's Giants Community Trust NCS Huddersfield are the biggest provider in the local area. We have been delivering the scheme for 7 years and have grown from 75 young people to finishing 2019 with 622 graduates.

NCS seeks to advance three key social challenges:

1. Social Cohesion - To bring our country together by building stronger, more integrated communities and foster understanding between young people from different backgrounds
2. Social Mobility - To build essential skills for life and work, investing in our country's future talent.
3. Social Engagement - To engage young people in social action in their communities and the democratic process, building their understanding of their responsibilities as citizens.

All young people aged 15-17 in years 11 and 12 are currently eligible to take part in the NCS programme which typically lasts 2-4 weeks and takes place during the summer, and autumn holiday periods. Young people participate in groups 16 and are placed with people they have previously not met. NCS participation has shown to have considerable positive impacts upon individual's skills, confidence, anxiety, attainment, has shown that it can address wider issues relating to cohesion, aspiration and engagement.

We aspire to support all young people in the Huddersfield area, to give them the opportunity of completing the NCS and will facilitate any needs and support required.

### WHAT WILL THEY BE DOING ON THE PROGRAMME?

Phase 1- This is an away residential at Barnswood in Macclesfield. The first week is all about young people stepping out of their comfort zones through high adventure activities. Activities include; kayaking, climbing, raft building and many more. We will depart on the Monday and arrive back in Huddersfield on Friday.

Phase 2- After enjoying a weekend at home when Monday arrives it's another residential this time at Storthes Hall University Campus in Kirkburton. Again this week is all about learning new skills for the future. Your young person will budget, plan and cook their own meals. We will also equip them with vital skills for the future.

Phase 3- This phase lasts for 2 weeks and is all about making a difference in the community. The first week each team will be partnered with a local charity or organisation. Here each team have a task to carry out and make a positive lasting effect on a charitable organisation in Kirklees. There's a dragon's den pitch in front of

local business representatives to secure a small amount of money to kick start their project. During the 4<sup>th</sup> week they must carry out 30 hours bringing all ideas and projects to life.

All graduates receive a certificate signed by the prime minister and a toolkit of skills to boost their CV's.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT ALL COST?

Technically a spot on our four-week programme costs around £1,500 but because we're government-funded, we only ask for a contribution. The most you'll pay is £50, and we also offer bursaries – so *everyone* can participate in NCS.

Please don't worry if payment is an issue. We offer bursary funding meaning nobody should miss out. If you are eligible for any of the following the programme will be just £25 (**yes that's for the whole programme**)

- Free School Meals
- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16.190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Pupil Premium

### MEET YOUR SCHOOL COORDINATOR



This is Ash; he is your school coordinator. He has been assigned to the school your young person attends to ensure every person who wants to come on the NCS programme has the opportunity to sign up. He will assist you with any queries you may have. He will be going into your schools at lunch time. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

Office number – 01484 442240  
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Work Number – 07388222940

## FAQ

How do I know that I have signed up to NCS programme?

Once you have completed the joining form online, you should receive an email from the NCS trust informing you of the next steps. If you have any issues contact NCS HGCT via email [ncs@hgct.co.uk](mailto:ncs@hgct.co.uk) or 01484 442240.

The date I initially chose I can't make anymore? What can I do? Ring the NCS team; they will be able to look at alternative dates for you.

I haven't received a text for the Keep Warm event?

If you text or ring your NCS coordinator (Ash) he will be able to inform you of the details but also be able to check if your number is correct on our system.

Can I go on NCS with a friend from a different school?

Yes you can go with a friend from any school in Huddersfield, if they're already signed up put their name in the friends section so we are aware. If the friend lives out of the Huddersfield area get them to ring our office on 01484 442242.

What do I bring on NCS phase 1?

You will receive a kit list online but we suggest old clothes for activities that don't mind getting ruined, new clothes for down time and a sleeping bag for the night. Insect repellent and sun cream are advised especially when it is warm weather.

Can I still sign up to NCS after the following week of assembly?

YES, you can. You can visit [wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com) or contact Ash and he will inform you of the next stages.

I am on free school meals, how much is the programme for me?

NCS can offer anyone who is on Free School Meals the programme for £25, they need to contact the team and provide the following documents to be eligible.

I am worried about my young person's needs whilst on programme, I want them to experience NCS however they may require additional needs. I don't know what to do or who to contact about this?

NCS HGCT has an Inclusion Officer whose roles to ensure that every young person is

given the support required before and during their time on the NCS programme. If you have any enquiries please email Emma at [emmar@hgct.co.uk](mailto:emmar@hgct.co.uk)