

National Citizenship Education Research



Data-led PD planning

Ofsted's renewed focus on Personal Development has shone a light on how schools achieve a wide range of outcomes, most of which are very difficult to measure. Several of these fall into the interest and expertise of the Association for Citizenship Teaching (ACT):

- Prepare pupils to become responsible, respectful and active citizens who are able to play their part and become actively involved in public life as adults
- Develop and deepen pupils' understanding of the fundamental British values
- Promote equality of opportunity and ensure an inclusive environment



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ACT is working with Middlesex University to start a new national research project to generate quantitative data on the following variables, which directly relate to this PD agenda:

- Students' participation profile and intention to participate
- Students' sense of agency / efficacy
- Levels of trust
- Knowledge & understanding of democratic principles
- Tolerance towards others
- Support for democracy

Not only will this help ACT identify what works best to promote these outcomes, the data will also be invaluable for participating schools to evaluate their own PD provision. This should also enable schools to provide compelling data for Ofsted inspectors to demonstrate progress.

Each participating school can use the online survey with one or more year groups, and repeat the process each year, to enable them to track individual cohorts over time and compare results between year groups.

What we offer

After evaluating 133 research papers ACT has developed a survey based on research instruments that have been shown to be reliable and valid. We have already piloted this with hundreds of secondary students to ensure it works for 11-16 year olds.

Any secondary school can get access to the online survey in the summer term of each year. We just ask that you use it with whole year groups to help us build the national picture and avoid skewing the samples.

The survey is completely anonymous for students and takes about 40 minutes to complete so can be completed easily in most single lessons. ACT will provide a PowerPoint for teachers to use to set up the survey within the context of a lesson.

ACT will generate a report for each participating school summarising the levels achieved in each measure, for each year group. This will enable your staff to identify strengths and areas for development.

To find out more visit teachingcitizenship.org.uk/national-citizenship-education-study/



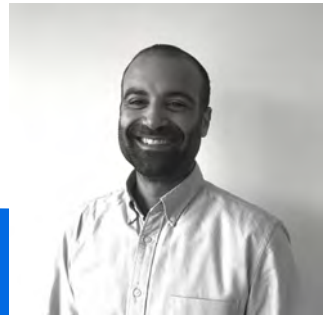
Dr Lee Jerome
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Lee is leading our research team on the ACT active citizenship programme, and he coordinates the research and evaluates the impact of ACT's work. Lee also edits the journal 'Education, Citizenship and Social Justice' and he is co-editor of 'Teaching Citizenship'.



Faiza Hyder
Researcher

Faiza and Yaqub are on our research team for the ACT active citizenship programme and contribute to the collection, analysis and reporting of data from students and teachers, ensuring all research and evaluation activities adhere to ethical standards.



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