



NCS Experiences and resources



Away from home

An exciting residential experience for young people, largely targeted towards areas and young people that have traditionally had fewer opportunities to get involved.

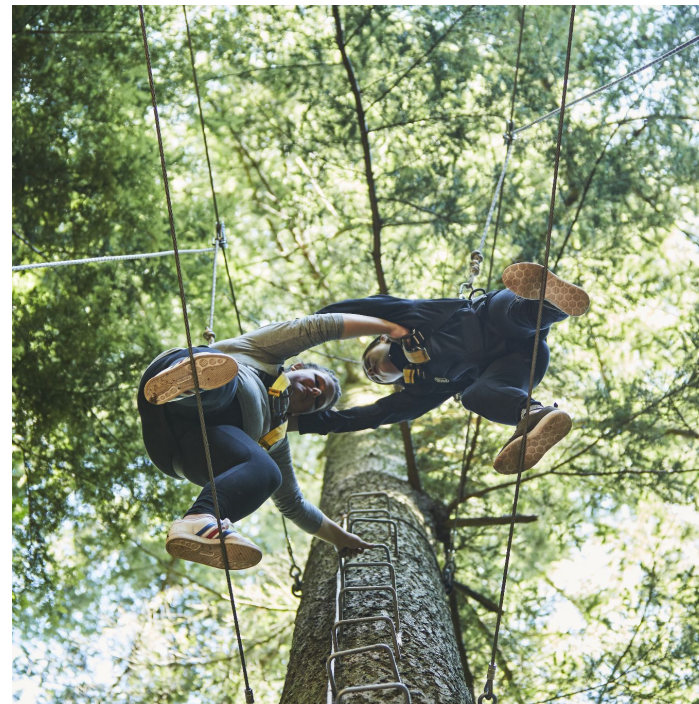
This includes a five day stay away from home where participants take part in activities that centre around one of three themes; **employability**, **independent living** or **social action**.

The young people learn a range of essential skills such as leadership, teambuilding, public speaking and project planning.



Find out more:

wearencs.com/head-away-from-home





Local Community Experiences



These experiences give young people the opportunity to take part in NCS closer to home with regular or one-off activities where they can gain new skills, learn more about their local community, and how they can help to improve it.

Run by a diverse mix of grantee organisations, these innovative experiences range from arts and theatre to sport and the environment.

The young people taking part may have the chance to visit local businesses, carry out surveys, raise money for a cause or volunteer for a charity of their choice.



Find out more:

wearencs.com/local-community-experiences

Online Experiences

Online experiences are designed to help young people build their confidence, develop their resilience and prepare them for future studies or work.

Experiences include blogs on a range of youth-related issues, informative YouTube videos and engaging online content to help develop important life skills.



Find out more:
wearencs.com/online-experiences



Skills Booster

Skills Booster helps teachers provide high-quality personal development opportunities to young people in schools and colleges.

Our Skills Booster teaching packs can be adapted for use in your PSHE lessons, form-time activities, or after school enrichment time.

The packs include fully editable Powerpoints and teaching guides with advice, links and extension activities.

Each pack contains material for approximately one hour, which can be completed in one go, or split into four 15-minute activities.



Find out more:
wearencs.com/skills-booster





Our Skills Booster resources are arranged into three modules, each containing five or more lessons:

- **Life Skills and Independent Living:** including Mindfulness and Wellbeing, Looking after your Finances, Staying Safe from Frauds and Scams
- **Citizenship and Social Action:** including British Values and LGBT+ Rights, Democratic Engagement, Volunteering and your Community
- **Employability and Next Steps:** Thinking about a Career, CV Workshop, Reflecting on your Skills



Find out more:
wearencs.com/skills-booster



Youth Advisory Board

Open to **16 to 24 year olds** who are passionate about youth voice and looking for paid work that fits around their commitments and priorities?

We believe that young people bring new perspectives to our work, provide valuable insight, generate new ideas, and challenge our way of thinking.

That's why we have a Youth Advisory Board, made up of 12 young people who come from a diverse range of backgrounds and have vast lived experiences.

They ensure that young people are central to everything we do and influence conversations and decisions that enable us to stay connected to everyone who takes part in NCS experiences.



Find out more:
wearencs.com/passionate-about-youth-voice



Youth Ambassadors

All young people have something to say and to offer. We want to ensure that young people from all backgrounds and experiences from all parts of England are seen and heard in spaces and events where NCS is.

Youth Ambassadors can support NCS in various ways, usually by bringing people closer to our work by sharing their inspiring stories and demonstrating the impact of our programmes.

Youth Ambassadors is a supported volunteer role for those who:

- Completed an NCS experience (this includes a Community Experience or Away from Home)
- Are aged between 16 and 19 (we are looking for young people who are currently doing or have most recently completed an NCS experience)

Ambassadors will benefit from training, gaining voluntary experience, connecting with a wide network of employers and support and guidance from NCS.



UK Year of Service



UK Year of Service is an NCS initiative proven to successfully help young people from diverse backgrounds into work.

Between 2021 and 23, we supported 336 young people aged 18 to 24 to step into socially beneficial work placements.

The programme offers paid work placements for 30 to 35 hours per week, across nine to twelve months, in for participants from areas furthest from the labour market in the North East, North West and Yorkshire & Humber. 96 participants have already started their placements in 2024.

Alongside the placement, participants get to take part in lots of different services and opportunities, like volunteering, networking and one-on-one support.



Find out more:
wearencs.com/uk-year-of-service



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