



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We've been into Silverdale School over the last few months to tell your teen all about NCS. Hopefully, they've told you all about it and are now signed up, ready for an amazing summer! However, if they've not signed up, it's not too late to grab a place. Here's a little reminder of who we are and what we're about.

As a national youth programme, NCS is made up of lots of regional providers – and that's where we come in. We're Sheffield United Community Foundation and we're your local NCS provider. Last year, we gave over 500 students from Sheffield the NCS experience, and this year, it's your teen's turn!

NCS is an experience especially designed for 16-17 year olds, helping to build skills for work and life, while taking on new challenges and meeting new friends. We give young people three weeks over the summer holidays to meet new people, try new things and cover new ground. We're all about helping them realise their potential by giving them a taste of independence and skills to set them up for their future.

The summer programme runs for three weeks (Monday to Friday), bringing together young people from different backgrounds and helping them develop greater confidence, self-awareness and responsibility. NCS encourages personal and social development by working on skills like leadership, communication and teamwork.

The first two weeks will be at residential settings, one further away at an outdoor activity centre in Northumberland and one closer to home at university student halls in Sheffield. During the third week, the young people will come in each day and develop a social action project to deal with a local issue they're passionate about. They will spend a total of 30 hours putting the project into action in their community, in whatever way they decide to do so as a team.

So, what's the cost for this amazing experience? Well, technically a spot on our programme costs around £1,500, but because we're government-funded, we only ask for a small contribution. The most you'll pay is just **£50**, and we also offer bursaries – so *everyone* can do NCS.

This summer, we've got four programmes running, so hopefully there's a date that suits everyone. The start dates for these are:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - **\*SOLD OUT\*** (waiting list available)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - **\*SOLD OUT\*** (waiting list available)
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Want to find out more? Head to - [wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com). Alternatively, if you have any questions or don't think these dates will work with your summer plans, give us a call on **0800 197 8010** and we'll do our best to help you out.

Kind regards,

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