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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the NCS programme?

The National Citizen Service (NCS) is a government sponsored scheme which boosts 16-17 year olds' confidence, employability and social skills. The Programme brings together young people from a diverse set of backgrounds and cultural groups, gelling them into a team capable of raising awareness or funds for a cause in their local community which makes a difference.

The programme is split up into three "Phases". During Phase 1 participants attend an away residential where they partake in a diverse range of team building activities. During Phase 2 participants attend a home residential, in a university setting where they partake in a number of workshops to boost their employability skills and CVs. Phase 2 focuses on independence and prepares young people for the future. During Phase 3 the young people stay at home, meeting in their local area to plan, design and deliver a project which has a positive impact on that area. The programme finishes with a graduation party where each team's hard work is celebrated and all young people receive their NCS certificate, which is signed by the Prime Minister.

Who are Flying Futures?

Flying Futures are a local delivery partner (LDP) who deliver the NCS Programme across North Yorkshire, East Riding and Stockton on behalf of the NCS Trust. Flying Futures are one of the most established LDPs in the country having successfully delivered the NCS programme since 2010. Flying Futures are committed to improving the lives of young people and have seen rapid growth since being established as a company in 2009. In 2016 they were recognised by Goldman Sachs as one of the fastest growing companies in the UK. Flying Futures work closely with schools across the area to ensure as many young people as possible take advantage of the NCS opportunity.

How can you provide a £1500 experience for £50?

All 16-17 year olds have access to £1450 worth of funding. All we need to sign somebody up to the programme is a £50 administration fee, this is to confirm their place on the programme and ensure they are not occupying a place which could be allocated to another young person.

How is the programme staffed?

There are three staff members allocated per group of 13 young people.

The Senior Mentor is responsible for leading, inspiring and developing a team of 13 young people aged 15-17 years old on our NCS programme. The Ambassador (a NCS Graduate) reports to the Senior Mentor. The Senior Mentor reports to the Programme

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- All staff are fully DBS checked and cleared
- Fully trained in NCS Ethos/Safeguarding/Residential training/Leadership/Reflection

What will I receive after making payment?

After making payment the following will be posted to the young person's address:

- NCS Passport
- Boarding Pass
- Discuss NCS Booklet
- A medical form which must be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Can I go with friends on the programme?

Yes, if you would like to be paired with a friend on the programme, discuss which programme you both want to take part in and communicate this to our conversion specialists over the phone, they will be happy to allocate you to the same team.

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