



Department for
Digital, Culture,
Media & Sport

Dear *(insert name of stakeholder)*

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As an organisation with an interest in young people and local communities, we are writing to you to draw your attention to a unique opportunity to get involved in the delivery of the National Citizen Service (NCS). NCS is the government's flagship programme for 16-17 year olds which aims to encourage greater social cohesion, social mobility and civic engagement.

The first week of the 3 or 4 week programme is a residential week where young people take part in outdoor adventure activities designed to get them making friends and building confidence. The second week, which is also residential, aims to help them develop new life skills, for example, public speaking, digital or sports skills. In the third and fourth week the young people design, develop and deliver a social action project to benefit their local community before graduating as an NCS alumni. Consecutive, independent [evaluations](#) have demonstrated the positive impacts that NCS delivers both to its participants and their communities.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport funds NCS Trust who deliver the programme in England through a network of provider organisations including, charities, social enterprises, youth work organisations, football clubs, schools and colleges, City and County councils and faith organisations. Later this year NCS Trust will become a Royal Charter Body and formally join the Departments' Arms Length Body network.

Current NCS provider contracts come to an end in December 2019 and NCS Trust will shortly open a procurement competition. As a department we are keen to encourage new providers from across the wide range of DCMS sectors to bid for future delivery contracts.

If you think you might be interested in delivering one or more parts of the programme, the NCS Trust are holding a series of market engagement events in August to speak about the opportunities available. To sign up for an event please click on the links below:

15-Aug Leeds - <https://ncs.events/come-to/ncs-discovery-event-leeds>

16-Aug Manchester - <https://ncs.events/come-to/ncs-discovery-event-manchester>

17-Aug Birmingham - <https://ncs.events/come-to/ncs-discovery-event-birmingham>

20-Aug Exeter - <https://ncs.events/come-to/ncs-discovery-event-exeter>

21-Aug York - <https://ncs.events/come-to/ncs-discovery-event-york>

24-Aug London - <https://ncs.events/come-to/ncs-discovery-event-london>

To register your interest in becoming a partner or to find out more please visit the NCS e-procurement portal: [Bravo](#).

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