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**National Citizen Service Awards NYA Training Contract**

The National Citizen Service has appointed the National Youth Agency [NYA] to deliver workforce training across its network from next year.

The contract will initially teach new skills to 200 NCS employees who will then instruct the 10,000 seasonal staff helping to run the extra-curricular programme for 16 and 17-year-olds.

This ‘train the trainer’ model is the first initiative to be announced as part of the newly created NCS Training Academy, set up to deliver even better and safer activities for the Royal Charter body.

The NYA contract will focus on a consistent understanding of the ethos, behaviours, responsibilities and expertise required by NCS staff to better prepare the seasonal workforce and provide the best experience for young adults taking part in the programme.

In addition, NYA is producing training toolkits for NCS, which this year will deliver activities to 100,000 young people through its three to four-week summer and autumn programmes across England and Northern Ireland.

“We know seasonal staff are critical to both the safe running and young people’s enjoyment of NCS, so this new contract with NYA will help us deliver an even more outstanding experience,” said Workforce Development Manager Tony Hannan.

“It’s also important the new NCS Training Academy can continually invest in our network of youth work providers by upskilling core staff and this new partnership allows us to meet that ambition.”

Leigh Middleton, NYA Chief Executive added: “As the national body responsible for youth work standards and having delivered the NCS programme for many years, we fully understand the central role of the seasonal workforce and the importance of providing workers with the right training and expertise.”

NYA has been awarded an initial year’s contract starting in 2020, with the option to be extended to three years.

The award of the NYA contract follows the news Young Minds - the charity specialising in young people’s mental health - will be delivering two years’ mental health awareness training for the NCS through another ‘train-the-trainer’ model.

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**About NCS**

NCS is a government backed programme established in 2011 to help build a more cohesive, mobile and engaged society. By bringing together young people from different backgrounds for a unique shared experience, NCS helps them to become better individuals, and in turn better citizens.

NCS is open to 16 and 17 year-olds across England and Northern Ireland. The two to four week programme, which takes place in school holidays, includes outdoor team-building exercises, a residential for participants to learn ‘life skills’, a community-based social action project and an end of programme celebration event.

To date:

* Almost 600,000 young people have taken part
* 14 and a half million hours of community action have been completed
* For every £1 spent, NCS’ 2016 summer programme delivered between £1.15 and £2.42 of benefits back to society

It costs participants just £50 or less to take part in NCS and bursaries are available on a case by case basis. Support is provided for young people with additional needs.

To find out more visit [NCSyes.co.uk](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__ncsyes.co.uk_&d=DwMFaQ&c=9wxE0DgWbPxd1HCzjwN8Eaww1--ViDajIU4RXCxgSXE&r=l2k1_dGUDQLUR2Lanpg_eMpVrWubd0e5SR-Y0nBmWYM&m=M7L9jTmkb8W7GKEjFhZ6RcLsJjAasZW74CD3Hhe5uNg&s=KxDDLzK3Q3ADY2ykEyamuYsiXQCKY2S0IyyaaFQxdbs&e=).

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**About NCS Trust**

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