



# KEY STATISTICS

This document contains the latest statistical analysis of the NCS programme.

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FOR EVERY  
**£1**  
SPENT, NCS  
GIVES BACK  
**£3.49**  
OF BENEFITS  
TO SOCIETY<sup>1</sup>

SOURCE: NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE  
2018 EVALUATION, DCMS

**70%**  
OF PARTICIPANTS FELT  
**MORE CONFIDENT**  
ABOUT  
**GETTING  
A JOB IN  
THE FUTURE**

AS A RESULT OF  
GOING ON NCS<sup>21</sup>

SOURCE: NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE  
2018 EVALUATION, DCMS

ALMOST  
**600,000**  
**YOUNG PEOPLE**  
HAVE TAKEN PART IN NCS TO DATE<sup>14</sup>

SOURCE: NCS TRUST

NCS PARTNERS  
WITH OVER  
**120**

CHARITIES,  
FOOTBALL  
CLUBS, PRIVATE  
ENTERPRISES,  
LOCAL COUNCILS,  
SCHOOLS & COLLEGES  
TO DELIVER THE PROGRAMME  
TO YOUNG PEOPLE<sup>13</sup>

SOURCE: NCS TRUST

NCS PARTICIPANTS  
HAVE NOW GIVEN

**14.5**  
MILLION +  
HOURS

**IN SOCIAL  
ACTION<sup>9</sup>**

SOURCE: NCS TRUST

**78%**  
OF PARTICIPANTS FELT  
**MORE POSITIVE**  
ABOUT PEOPLE FROM  
**DIFFERENT  
BACKGROUNDS**

AFTER ATTENDING NCS<sup>4</sup>

SOURCE: NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE 2018 EVALUATION, DCMS

IN 2019  
**29%** OF NCSERS WERE  
**BAME<sup>15</sup>** | **6.2%** WERE  
**SEND<sup>16</sup>**

COMPARED TO 25% OF STATE  
SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS

COMPARED TO 1.7% OF STATE  
SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS

SOURCE: NCS TRUST

## IMPACT AND SOCIAL VALUE OF NCS

### 1. In summer 2018, for every £1 spent, NCS gave back £3.49 of benefits to society.

By combining information on the cost of programme delivery and net benefits of leadership, aspirations to higher education and volunteering, it is estimated that the net Benefit Cost Ratio associated with the 2018 NCS summer programme was 3.49, and for the autumn 'standard' programme it was 3.45.

Source: National Citizen Service 2018 evaluation, DCMS

### 2. £554.7 million and £33.2 million - the total economic benefits of NCS summer and autumn 2018 programmes, respectively.

In summer 2018, this comprised of £155.8 million in enhanced leadership skills, £302.4 million attributable to improved aspiration to pursue higher education, and £96.5 million associated with additional volunteering hours.

For the 'standard' autumn 2018 programme, the comparable figures were £9.1 million, £19.9 million and £4.2 million, respectively.

Source: National Citizen Service 2018 evaluation, DCMS

### 3. An Independent longitudinal study found that NCS had continued to benefit participants in a wide range of ways, two years following the programme.

The most consistent impacts were observed in relation to teamwork, communication and leadership.

Source: National Citizen Service 2013 Evaluation - Two Years On, Ipsos MORI, 2017

## SOCIAL MIXING

### 4. Seventy-eight per cent of participants felt more positive about people from different backgrounds to themselves after attending NCS (2018 summer programme).

Source: National Citizen Service 2018 evaluation, DCMS

### 5. NCS helps to improve perceptions of community cohesion, and attitudes and tolerance levels towards others. NCS grads also show considerable improvements in confidence in meeting new people as a result of attending the programme.

Detailed analysis of the 2016 and 2017 graduate cohorts shows that the NCS programme helps to improve levels of tolerance towards others across a number of different demographic sub-groups. We can also evidence sizeable improvements in participants' confidence in meeting new people (as much as +10 to +15 percentage points relative to a control group) as a result of attending the programme.

Source: In the Mix with NCS, Jump Projects Limited and MIME Consulting Limited, 2019

### 6. NCS has a particularly positive impact on social cohesion outcomes among young people who have a lower level of cohesion to start with, or who come from communities where social cohesion is weaker.

For example, NCS graduates from the most segregated communities are 19.4% more likely to report positive social mixing with other ethnic groups 'quite often' or 'very often' following participation in NCS.

Young people who have low levels of positive mixing with other groups before attending the programme are 24.5% more likely to report that they 'agree' or 'agree strongly' their local area is a place where different backgrounds get along well.

Those from the most disadvantaged communities are 29.5% more likely to report that they 'agree' or 'agree strongly' their local area is a place where different backgrounds get along well.

Source: Meeting, Mixing Mending: How NCS impacts young people's social integration, James Laurence, 2018

- 7. NCS has been shown to have an even greater positive impact on certain groups of young people when it comes to some of our priority outcomes - especially female participants, those from more economically disadvantaged backgrounds, who are disabled or who are BAME.**

Source: In the Mix with NCS, Jump Projects Limited and MIME Consulting Limited, 2019

- 8. NCS grads are more likely to feel confident being the leader of a team after taking part in the programme.**

Sixty-one per cent of summer 2018 NCS participants say they feel confident being the leader of a team, even if they have not done it before. This compares to 40% who say this before taking part in the programme. This represents a significant improvement relative to a control group of non-participants (of +18 percentage points).

Source: National Citizen Service 2018 evaluation, DCMS

## **SOCIAL ACTION**

- 9. NCS participants have now given over fourteen and a half million hours in social action.**

Source: NCS Trust

- 10. Young people who have attended NCS feel more able to have a positive impact on the world around them.**

Sixty-seven per cent of summer 2018 NCS participants agree with the statement 'I feel able to have an impact on the world around me'. This compares to 59% who say this before taking part in the programme. This represents a significant improvement relative to a control group of non-participants (of +15 percentage points).

Source: National Citizen Service 2018 evaluation, DCMS

- 11. Almost two in three NCS participants say they are more likely to help out in their local area after coming on NCS.**

Sixty-four per cent of NCS summer 2018 participants agree with the following statement about their NCS experience: 'I am more likely to help out in my local area'.

Source: National Citizen Service 2018 evaluation, DCMS

## **PROGRAMME DELIVERY, QUALITY, PARTICIPATION & FEEDBACK**

- 12. Over two in five summer 2018 graduates, and over a third of autumn grads, gave the programme 10/10, calling it a 'completely worthwhile' experience.**

When asked on a scale of 0-10 how worthwhile they found their NCS experience, the vast majority of participants (87% in summer and 85% in autumn) gave a score of at least 7. Forty-three per cent of summer participants gave the programme a maximum score of 10, 'completely worthwhile', and 37% in autumn.

Source: National Citizen Service 2018 evaluation, DCMS

- 13. NCS partners with over 120 charities, football clubs, private enterprises, local councils, schools and colleges to deliver the programme to young people.**

These are organisations with whom the Trust has direct contracts to support delivery of the programme. This figure doesn't include the numerous organisations that the Trust supports indirectly through its wider supply chain.

Source: NCS Trust

## **PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION**

- 14. Almost 600,000 young people have taken part in NCS to date.**

NCS is the fastest growing youth programme for 16 and 17 year olds in the country. Almost 600,000 young people have taken part in NCS to date. In 2019, 92,000 young people attended a NCS programme.

Source: NCS Trust

- 15. In 2019, 29% of NCS participants were BAME.**

Twenty-nine per cent of young people who participated in the 2019 programme classified themselves as BAME. This compares to 25% of the state secondary school population.

Source: NCS Trust

**16. NCS is particularly inclusive to those with special educational needs or who have a disability – 4.5% above the national average.**

6.2% of young people who participated in the 2019 programme were SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). This compares to 1.7% of the state secondary school population.

Source: NCS Trust

**17. NCS is especially inclusive of those on Free School Meals.**

Twenty-three per cent of young people who participated in NCS during 2019 were on Free School Meals. This compares to 14% of the comparable 16-17 year old population.

Source: NCS Trust

## **DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT**

**18. NCS has a positive impact on participants saying they are likely to vote at the next election or referendum.**

When asked about their likelihood of voting in the next election or referendum, on a scale of 1 to 10 (where 1 means you would be absolutely certain not to vote, and 10 means that you would be absolutely certain to vote), there is a positive impact of +0.6 on the mean score for summer participants, relative to a control group of non-participants.

Source: National Citizen Service 2018 evaluation, DCMS

**19. To date, in 2019 160 political stakeholders visited a NCS programme, which included 137 MPs.**

Source: NCS Trust

## **SOCIAL MOBILITY**

**20. NCS increased university intake by 12% and access to higher education by 50% among disadvantaged young people.**

University participation rates for those who took part in NCS were on average 12% higher than those who didn't take part. There was an almost 50% increase in higher education participation for the most disadvantaged young people.

Source: Exploring the wellbeing impact of NCS, Jump Projects Limited and Simerica, 2017

**21. Seventy per cent of summer 2018 participants agree with the following statement about their NCS experience: 'I now feel more confident about getting a job in the future'.**

We also find that 78% of summer 2018 participants agree with the statement 'I feel positive about my chances of getting a job in the future'. This compares to 72% who say this before taking part in the programme, representing a statistically significant improvement relative to a control group of non-participants who were asked the same question (of +8 percentage points).

Source: National Citizen Service 2018 evaluation, DCMS