



In 2012 National Citizen Service will give up to 30,000 16 – 17 year-olds the chance to learn new skills and get involved in their community.

The scheme will take place in a number of different locations across England, including the Isle of Wight. Partnership Network is one of 29 service providers across the country and has a limited number of places on offer for the Isle of Wight.

What is National Citizen Service (NCS)?

If you're in Year 11 or Year 12, National Citizen Service is an exciting chance to do something different during your summer holiday. Taking part will help you:

- learn new skills
- take on new challenges
- meet new people
- make a real difference to your community and an issue you care about

National Citizen Service will take place during the summer 2012. It will run for two weeks full-time, including one residential week off the Island at Marwell (www.marwellactivitycentre.co.uk). The second week will be based back in your local community, also on a full-time basis. After that, you'll need to complete another 30 hours on a Community Action Project.

During the residential week, which commences on Monday, 6 August 2012, you will spend 5 days and 4 nights with your allocated team of 11 other young people, alongside other NCS teams. Working in your teams, you'll have the chance to take part in exciting outdoor activities.



During the second week of your programme, you'll get the opportunity to find out more about your local area, undertake visits to charities and community groups and to design and deliver your own project in your local community, sometimes called a 'Social or Community Action Project'. This means you will have the chance to work with other young people to improve the area where you live, benefiting everyone who lives there; fund-raise for your chosen charity or even create an exciting event for other young people to enjoy.

The choices are as unlimited so use your imagination – but you must be able to put your ideas into action and work as a team!

You will be expected to spend around 30 hours making your ideas into a reality after the second week.

Why should I get involved in NCS?

Taking part in this programme will give you the opportunity to discover lots of new things about yourself. It can help you to improve your future prospects by learning new skills which can open doors to other exciting opportunities:

- you'll get to meet a whole host of new people
- it's an opportunity to improve your self-confidence and do something independently away from your family
- you'll learn new skills that you can add to your CV, which will impress potential employers and Universities/Colleges
- you can show the positive impact young people can have on their community

How do I find out about becoming involved?

You can print off more details here and complete and return an application to us. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis. If you are sure you want a place, then apply now, or email or phone us if you have questions.

How much does it cost?

All costs for the residential are covered as part of the programme e.g. qualified instructors, specialist equipment, food and transport to the venue from an agreed collection point.

The programme is highly subsidised and you will be asked to make a minimal contribution of £50 to take part. In situations of hardship there may be bursaries to enable all students to take part.

The main contact for the Partnership Network programme on the Isle of Wight is:

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How do I apply for NCS?

All the forms we need you to complete, including an application form, can be downloaded by using the link below. If you are absolutely certain this is how you want to spend your time this Summer, you will need to complete the application form, parental consent/medical form along with your cheque for £50 made payable to **Partnership Network Ltd** and return them to the Education Participation Team at the address above. Due to demand for places, we regret that we will not refund any cancelled places, so you must be absolutely sure this is the right thing for you. No cheques will be cashed until a place is confirmed, nor are places guaranteed.

If you would like to check out some photos, videos and comments from young people who participated in summer 2011, you can visit the NCS facebook page through the link below:

- [National Citizen Service - on Facebook Opens new window](#)

