



## National Citizen Service Pilot

### A Big Society Initiative

#### 1. NCS Key points

- aimed at year 11 school leavers and young people up to the age of 25 with disabilities
- a 3 week full time programme including 2 away from home residential weeks followed by 30 hrs part time volunteering over Summer ( July - September)
- promotion of a more cohesive society by mixing young people from different backgrounds
- support for transition into adulthood
- creation of a more engaged society enabling young people to work together to create social action projects in their local communities

#### 2. NCS Partnership

- Safe in Tees Valley lead organisation /accountable body
- Uniformed services approach using partnership with Cleveland, Police, Cleveland Fire,
- Other key partners include local authorities, local volunteering infrastructure organisations; young people's frontline services ( includes schools, colleges, statutory and voluntary sector) Zenith Leisure, Tall Ships Youth Trust, TFM Radio, Coast and Country Housing, Tristar Housing, Housing Hartlepool, Fabrick Housing, ASDA Foundation.
- 2011 - 1000 places across Cleveland – proposed 1300 places across Tees Valley for 2012

#### 3. NCS Core Programme

NCS has 5 phases of activity that **all** pilots **must** deliver in the set order

**Phase 1 - Introductory Activities** to build relationships with key staff and ensure key consents and information provided

**Phase 2 - 1 week residential / physical and personal challenges.** This element will be delivered in two ways – Outdoor residential of both land and water based activity or sailing residential with Tall Ships Youth Trust /Ocean Youth Trust fleet of ships

**Phase 3 - 1 week full time community based residential.** Young people stay in community based accommodation. Aim of the week is to develop team skills, project management skills, identify local businesses, community

resources and understand community issues and meet members of the community. This week will begin to link in to Police & Fire Service in the community (Neighbourhood Policing Teams; Community Fire education teams)

**Phase 4 – 1 week full time community based non residential.** Using skills and knowledge from phase 2 & 3 to design a social action project that will have tangible benefit to their community and plan to deliver it in phase 5

**Phase 5 onwards**

- 30 hrs part time over 3 / 4 weeks evenings and weekends
- A fair / event to encourage young people to continue with social actions/volunteering
- A celebration event inviting partner agencies, parents
- Alumni activities ( ongoing volunteering, alumni newsletters, opportunities for graduates to support future NCS programmes)

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