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Q: Why should I get involved?

A: There is a lot of competition out there for college and university places and also in the job market – this experience may help you stand out from the crowd. It will also really help you to develop your skills, things like team work and communication, planning and organisation.

You will also have a chance to make friends from different parts of your town or city and also from different parts of the country.



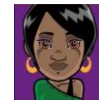
Q: What do I do next?

A: If you're interested talk to your family and think about your commitment over the summer. If you want to be part of this amazing experience get an application form and return it to your school co-ordinator as soon as possible.



Q: How do I apply?

A: You will need to fill in the application form, get consent from your parent or guardian and pay your £25. The Local coordinator will consider all the applications and let you know if you have made it fairly soon.



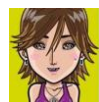
Q: What do I have to do?

A: You will be working in teams to develop a social action project in your area. Your residential experiences will develop your skills; as a team player, as a communicator and also in thinking of ideas



Q: Where are the residentials?

A: The first (away from home) residential will be at Kingswood Activity Centre in Doncaster. The second week residential (local) will be at somewhere like a local university or activity centre. Your local coordinator will be able to tell you more.



Q: Do I have to make my own way there?

A: You will be taken to the first residential (away from home) by coach. You will need to make your own way to the local pick-up point. For the other parts of the scheme you will need to make your own way there. Some people may be able to get help with travel costs.



Q: Can my friend come with me?

A: Absolutely! We need to get 15 people from each school so getting a friend to apply with you is a good idea. You will meet other people from your town or city as well as people from other parts of the country so you will make new friends as well as being with people you knows.



Q: When are the residentials?

A: The first residential runs from either 9th-13th July or 16th-20th July. The second one runs the following week.



Q: How long are the sessions?

A: On the residentials the days will be quite full with activities in the evening as well as during the day. The sessions during the third week (non-residential) will run 9.30-3.30 each day



Q: What do I need to wear?

A: On the residentials you will need to wear casual and comfortable clothes. Any specialist equipment for outdoor activities will be provided. You will get a suggested kit list nearer the time.



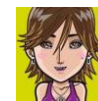
Q: Will you take any photos?

A: Yes, we will take photos and video footage. We will get your permission for this before the start of the programme.



Q: Who are the tutors?

A: The tutors and volunteers will be local people who have a lot of experience working with young people. They may be youth workers, teachers or adults with special skills such as art or music. They will all be trained and fully checked before they start working with you.



Q: Can I get any qualifications?

A: No. We are not offering this opportunity this year. However you may be able to keep a record of your experiences and progress and use this as part of a portfolio towards other qualifications and awards. Your personal development will be really helpful when applying for college, university, training or employment.



Q: Do I have to attend all of it?

A: Yes. This is really important. You will be working in project teams and you will have responsibilities to keep. The residentials have been designed to give you as much development as possible so if you miss a day you will miss out on important and exciting stuff!



Q: When does it start and end?

A: The UFA NCS programme starts on either 9th or 16th July and runs for 3 weeks and then you will carry out your social action project. You should be able to complete everything by the end of August.



Q: How much will this cost?

A: This experience will only cost you £25! This includes two weeks residential experience, all food and activity costs. You will only need to provide your own transport to the local residential and to the coach pick-up point for the away from home residential. Some people may be able to even get help with these costs.



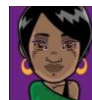
Q: What if I can't afford to pay?

A: We have set the cost at the lowest possible amount so that as many people as possible are able to access this programme. Talk to your local coordinator or school liaison to see if you can pay weekly or your school may be able to help with the costs.



Q: What if I have a disability?

A: That's not a problem at all. Please tell us about your disability on your application form so that we can provide additional support if necessary and make sure the activities and venues are suitable for your needs.



Q: What if I want to observe Ramadan during the project?

A: Ramadan starts on Friday 20th July 2012. Please let us know if you would like us to be aware of your religious observances and we will provide somewhere for you to pray and support you with breaking your fast.



Q: Will I be able to collect my GCSE results?

A: Yes of course, GCSE results day is on Thursday 23rd August 2012.



Q: Will I be able to go to my end of year prom?

A: Definitely, we don't want you to miss out on your end of your celebrations at school.