

National Citizen Service Louisa Says Get Involved!

I am Louisa Seers, a 16 year old girl from Milton-under-Wychwood.

Great Projects

Over the summer and half-term, I was involved in the National Citizen Service. This is a three to four week project where you build a team and create a social action project to enhance and involve your community. I completed mine in Witney with eight others.

Our project was to up-cycle donated and charity clothes. We volunteered in the Blue Cross shop in Witney and put on a fashion show in Carterton for our final catwalk. In addition to this, we went for an adventure week to Wales, and a second residential week.

I completed the programme, leading to opportunities such as meeting the Olympian Alex Gregory (Rower), a tour of Parliament and a visit to HM Treasury.

I was then selected to be one of the 100 NCS Leaders, out of the 26,000 who completed the programme. Over half-term I enjoyed a week at Wellington College in Berkshire, learning how to be an NCS Leader, what it takes to be a



leader and how to improve and create social action in my area. I have also been getting to know my team of ten and improving personal development and confidence.

And Fun Too

Not only this, but it was a lot of fun including a day using the skills we had learnt to complete Apprentice-style

challenges all around London. The stories from the 100 were truly inspiring and their projects incredible!

National Citizen Service is supported by the government and Cabinet Office. I am encouraging young people in our area to take on their own social action projects. In

order to complete our catwalk, I obtained £1,500 funding from the Positive Activities Fund and from O2 'Think Big'.

I am still coming up with the inspiration for my own social action ideas, but there is a great buzz amongst the 100 who came together over half-term, and I hope to be part of their ideas to help the community. If you would like more information, email me on



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