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National Citizen Service (NCS) Assistant Youth Mentor



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Using the power of football, Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT) works in partnership with local communities to empower individuals to improve their lives and their environment.

CACT's ground breaking and innovative programmes are delivered through a regular presence in schools and working with disadvantaged or socially excluded groups in society, through crime reduction initiatives and community based football coaching sessions.

The types of programmes delivered by CACT fit under five key aims: raising educational achievement, creating pathways to employment, building healthier lifestyles, bringing communities together and reducing crime.

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NCS is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity open to all 16 & 17 year olds in England and Northern Ireland that helps them build skills for work and life, whilst taking on new challenges and meeting new friends.

The aims of NCS are to enable young people to:

- Take on new challenges and learn new skills
- Make a difference while making new friends
- Grow in confidence and improve their CV
- Experience something new as they help out their community

A programme runs over 4 weeks including 2 residential weeks, outdoor activities, skills development and the planning and delivery of a community social action projects. In teams of 15, participants take part in each of the following phases of the programme:

- **Phase 1 (Outward Bound Residential):** 5 days, 4 nights (Mon – Fri) residential based at an activity centre focusing on teamwork and physical challenges which encourage participants to step outside of their comfort zone. All food, transport and accommodation is provided during this phase of the programme.
- **Phase 2 (Community/Skills Building Residential):** 5 days, 4 nights (Mon-Fri) residential based at the University of Kent, with the focus on developing new skills through a series of workshops. All food, transport and accommodation is provided during this phase of the programme.

- **Phase 3a (Planning a Social Action Project):** 5 days (Mon-Fri) non-residential based in a local hub, young people within their teams plan a social action project that will have an impact on their local community.
- **Phase 3b (Social Action Project Delivery):** 30 hours based in the local area, teams deliver their planned social action project. Successful completion of the programme is followed with a celebration event.

The NCS Ethos

- **Social Mixing:** Providing young people with the opportunity to mix and build relationships with people from different social backgrounds;
- **Challenge:** Putting young people through a series of challenging activities to take them out of their comfort zone and develop strength of character;
- **Increased responsibility and independence:** Providing a progressive journey that hands over more responsibility to young people as the programme progresses and develops the leadership skills necessary to succeed in the workplace;
- **Reflection:** Encouraging young people to reflect, supporting them to learn from their experiences and become more resilient, confident and more effective in their decisions and relationships;
- **Social Action:** Enabling young people to connect with and get involved in their communities and develop skills that are useful for future employment;
- **Inspiration:** Encouraging young people to flourish after NCS – continuing to mix, contribute to their community and achieve personal goals.



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	National Citizen Service (NCS) Assistant Youth Mentor	Reporting to:	Charlton Athletic Community Trust NCS Officer or Cohort Lead
Pay:	Summer programme: up to £1,183.25	Contract type:	Sessional
Location:	Dartford, Gravesend, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks or Maidstone	Days and hours of work:	21 days (plus training and celebration event)
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Purpose of the Role:

To work alongside a Youth Mentor to support a team of fifteen, 16 to 17 year olds through a whole NCS programme, working both residentially and in the local community. Meals and accommodation will be provided during the residential phases of the programme.

Key Responsibilities (but not limited to):

- Support the Youth Mentor by inspiring and taking responsibility for the pastoral care for a team of fifteen participants, ensuring their safety and assisting their personal development throughout the programme.
- Support lead staff during residential and social action phases of delivery for different cohorts of young people.
- Work as part of a larger team of staff to ensure that desired outcomes are achieved during all phases of the programme.
- Build a positive professional relationship with all young people in your team.
- Work with and support all other staff to deal with any challenging behaviour from young people.
- Ensure that a high standard of delivery is maintained.
- Ensure that appropriate safeguarding, health & safety and other relevant CACT policies are implemented and followed.
- Provide support to staff and young people to ensure that they have a positive NCS experience.
- Undertake any other relevant duty related to the further development, promotion and sustainability of the NCS programme and the wider organisation (CACT).
- Work within the ethos of the NCS programme.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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Attributes	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team working experience. For example working within a team and co-ordinating team members to achieve desired outcomes. • Experience of working with young people from a wide variety of backgrounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in a residential setting with young people from a wide variety of backgrounds. • Experience of planning, coordinating, delivering programmes for young people.
Skills, ability & knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to work on own initiative. • Good Verbal Communication and Interpersonal Skills. • An understanding of and a commitment to equal opportunities issues both in the workplace and the wider community. • Commitment to Safeguarding children and young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good knowledge of CACT's existing programmes. • Access to own transport or ability to use public transport.
Personal qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A positive attitude: a 'can do' approach. • Reliability: good timekeeping. • Friendly and approachable. 	



APPLICATIONS

CACT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Any job offer is subject to satisfactory employment references and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Application forms are available from <http://cact.org.uk/job-opportunities>

To apply for this role, please send a completed application form detailing how you meet the requirements of the role and an equal opportunities monitoring form to: jobs@cact.org.uk

Or via post marked private and confidential to:

Hayley Clive, HR Co-ordinator,
Charlton Athletic Community Trust
CAFC Training Ground
Sparrows Lane
New Eltham
SE9 2JR

Closing date for applications: 25th May 2018

Interviews will be held on the following dates:

- 8th June 2018

CACT is committed to the safeguarding of its staff, volunteers and young people. Any job offer made is subject to satisfactory references and DBS check.

The cost of all DBS Checks will be deducted from first payment for working on the programme.

All successful candidates will be asked to attend compulsory training in order to deliver our NCS programme.

There is no payment for attending training or celebration events.