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Dear Parent / Carer,

We would like to welcome you to the National Citizen Service's new initiative *One Million Hours of Keep Doing Good*.

As you may have heard, The NCS Trust made the decision to cancel this year's traditional NCS summer programme to respect social distancing in light of Covid-19. Nevertheless, this summer your local NCS team, Groundwork South, will be providing a new and exciting opportunity for your young people.

With the country starting to get back on its feet and lockdown slowly being lifted, we would like to offer your 15-17 yearold the opportunity to join NCS in a national effort to achieve one million hours of volunteering and social action this summer.

Between July 27th – August 10th, Groundwork South will be hosting 2 NCS programmes in your local area to help rebuild communities and create lasting positive change. This is an opportunity for your young people to develop their interpersonal skills and make a contribution towards the recovery of the country after this challenging time.

Each *Keep Doing Good* programme will last **5 days (Monday – Friday)** and will be made up of young people from the local area. This summer's programme is **free to attend**. Young people will have the opportunity of either working alongside a local volunteering partner, or creating their very own social action project to raise awareness for something they feel truly passionate about.

If your young person was previously signed up to an NCS programme this summer, you should have received an email outlining this opportunity and how to get involved.

Alternatively you can sign up your young person online at: <https://wearencs.com/keep-doing-good>. Young people who participate in this summer's *Keep Doing Good* programme will still be eligible to take part in more traditional NCS programmes this coming autumn or summer 2021.

There will be a limited amount spaces available on the *Keep Doing Good* programmes in comparison to a regular NCS summer season, so if you are interested in getting your young person involved, we urge you to get them signed up quickly.

Please note that for the duration of the programme, NCS Groundwork will be aligning with health and safety recommendations and guidance provided by the Department of Education and Public Health England on implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings.

To get in contact with someone at your local NCS Groundwork team, please email l.rothero@groundworkldn.partners.ncstrust.org.uk.

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Many thanks,

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