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**Interview Schedule – M6**

**Interviewer: Dr Catherine Waite**

This interview schedule was used as a guide for M6 semi-structured interviews, however discussions sometimes followed a different order or explicit focus, depending on the interviewee and specific context.

**A. Young Person Context**

* Basic demographic information – Age, Age when you did NCS?
* Previous involvement in youth organisations and other extra-curricular activities before NCS?
* When/Where did you do NCS? Close to home town? Rural/Urban?

**B. Motivations for NCS**

* How did you hear about NCS?
* Had any of your friends done NCS before?
* Why did you decide to sign up?
* What did you think it was going to be like?
* What do you think you would have done during the holidays if you hadn’t done NCS?

**C. Experiences of NCS**

* Tell me what the first residential was like…
* What about the second residential?
* What did you think of the workshop activities?

**D. Social Action Project**

* How did you feel when the residential phases (Phase 3) came to end?
* Were you motivated to start your 30 hours project straight away?
* At what point during NCS did you decide on your social action project?
* What did you do for the project and how was it received by those in your local community?
* Did you continue with your project after the 30hours?
* Have you done any other social action since?
* Do you feel more a part of your community having done the social action project?

**E. Impact of NCS**

* Did it live up to your expectations?
* What was the best part of NCS?
* What was the worst part of NCS?
* What did you learn on NCS?
* Was there anything about NCS that you found difficult/struggled with?
* Did you achieve things that you didn’t think you were capable of during NCS?
* Did you learn about citizenship at school?
* How would you compare NCS to school citizenship lessons?
* Have you ever heard of active citizens? What did you think an active citizen was before NCS and what do you think it is now?
* Have you kept in touch with your NCS provider?
* Have you kept in touch with the people you met on NCS?
* Did NCS inspire you? (Ethos: social mixing, social action, personal achievements)
* Personal responsibility and independence, capable of taking control of your future? (ethos)
* What have you done since NCS?
* Do you think NCS has helped you with other areas of your life?
* Do you feel more prepared to be an adult? / Transitions to adulthood
* Involvement in General Election?
* What was the biggest impact of NCS for you?
* Would you recommend NCS to other young people?

**Any other comments/thoughts?**