

Opportunity for Year 11s this summer

A fantastic personal development opportunity for our Year 11 students is on offer, called 'National Citizen Service'. School leavers from across Somerset are invited to get involved in an amazing summer of free activities with their friends after they finish their exams. Following on from the success of National Citizen Service in 2011, Somerset Rural Youth Project are offering places to students of Chilton Trinity Technology College.

Described by one student as 'the best thing I've ever done', this is not only a fun, once in a life time opportunity, it also offers experiences and qualifications that can put the participants ahead in job or university interviews. Some have even called it the UK version of 'Camp America'.

Taking part means going away on a week's activity holiday – which might involve kayaking, coasteering, hiking, surfing, caving, climbing, sailing, and other outdoor challenges. There is another week away where participants get the chance to find out about what makes their communities tick – meeting charities, businesses, MPs and Councillors, and receive training and develop their skills.

It's also good news for parents who can have a couple of weeks rest during the summer!

After the two weeks away, the lucky teens get stuck in to doing something they are really passionate about – which might be an environmental project, a live music or drama tour, a campaign to improve transport, a sports project, a media project, a faith project, or a project around helping other teenagers live healthier lives. There are also plans for an Olympic themed challenge across the South West.

The places are free with a small amount of fundraising required by participants to cover some costs.

To find out more, and register interest, keen teens or their parents can visit www.sryp.org.uk, call 01278 722100 or email ncs@sryp.org.uk. The NCS link for Chilton Trinity Technology College is Annie Diffey who can be contacted on 01278 722100 / 07800 708861

