

Dear study member,

My name's Lisa and I'm the Director of Next Steps, a study you joined while you were in school. I'm very pleased to say that Next Steps is continuing, and I hope that you will carry on taking part in this important study well into the future.

Next Steps is following 16,000 people born in 1989-90 who are living across England. It is one of the biggest and most important studies of your generation anywhere in the world. The organisation that I work for is called the Centre for Longitudinal Studies and we're based at University College London. We've recently taken over the management of Next Steps from the Department for Education, who started the study when you were in school.

The help you've given so far has made a big difference. The enclosed booklet contains just a few examples of how findings from Next Steps have changed the way government, schools and others support young people and their families. You can also check out our new video about the study at nextstepsstudy.org.uk

The next survey will take place in 2015 when you're 25 years old. We'll be writing to you again to tell you about what the survey will involve. But for now, we wanted to send you some information to remind you what the study is all about, and why your role in it is so valuable. We've also included some small gifts as a thank you for all your help so far.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

We need to know how to reach you in order to invite you to take part in Next Steps surveys. We'll be contacting you by post, email and phone, so please check the details below and let us know if they've changed with the enclosed change of details card.

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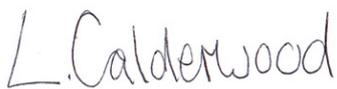


With your continued help, we can find new ways of making life better for your generation and the next. When you were younger, the study collected information about your education, families and your hopes for the future. Now that you're adults, we're interested in how your lives have changed. Have you carried on in education? Have you found work? Have you had a family of your own?

And as it's a new beginning for the study, we've got a new look and a brand new website with lots of interesting information about what we've learned and how you've helped make a difference. Visit us at www.nextstepsstudy.org.uk. You can also follow us on Twitter [@nextstepsstudy](https://twitter.com/nextstepsstudy) and Facebook www.facebook.com/nextstepsstudy

In order for us to contact you about the upcoming survey, it's very important that we have your up-to-date address, phone number and email address. The details we have for you are printed on the other side of this letter – please let us know if they have changed. You can do this using the enclosed change of details card, on the Next Steps website, or by contacting us on Freephone 0800 977 4566 or nextsteps@ioe.ac.uk.

Best wishes,



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