



# NEXT STEPS

LEARNING FROM YOUR GENERATION

## WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

A STUDY FOLLOWING

**16,000**

PEOPLE IN ENGLAND

FOLLOWING THE  
GENERATION BORN IN

**1989-90**

IT ALL BEGAN IN

**2004**

WHEN YOU WERE  
IN YEAR 9



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# HOW NEXT STEPS IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Next Steps has already made a big difference. It has provided evidence on a number of important issues and helped government policymakers, charities and other policy groups to tackle the issues that affect your generation and the next.

The information you have shared with us has shown how inequality really makes a difference in education. It has shone a spotlight on the difficulties your generation have had finding work in the deepest recession since the 1930s. And we've also been able to highlight the damaging, long-term effects of school bullying which can even affect your future job prospects.

## WHO'S BEHIND NEXT STEPS?

### ETHICAL APPROVAL

The study has been approved by the Multicentre Research Ethics Committee as a guarantee that all aspects of the study design and conduct are in accordance with the requirements and best practice in research ethics.

### STUDY MANAGEMENT

The study is being run by the Centre for Longitudinal Studies, based at University College London. They are a world-leading centre for research of this type, and manage a number of different studies following the lives of other age groups, including the Millennium Cohort Study of those born in 2000 and the British Cohort Study of those born in 1970.

### FIELDWORK

NatCen Social Research are the organisation who will be supporting and carrying out the research interviews - either online, over the phone, or in your home. NatCen is Britain's largest independent social research agency and has been seeking the views and experiences of the public for the last 40 years.

### FUNDING

The Economic and Social Research Council is paying for the study. It's one of seven independent funding agencies in the UK. They have decided to back Next Steps as it is the only major national study which is looking at the lives of people in your generation.



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE DISCOVERIES ABOUT YOUR GENERATION



WE'LL SEND YOU A VOUCHER TO SAY THANKS

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We would like you to take part in a survey about your life now, and looking back over the past few years. We will ask about your health, housing and family life, education and work, as well as what you do in your spare time. The survey should take around 45 minutes to complete depending on your circumstances.

You can take part either online, or over the phone or in person with one of our interviewers. Ideally we'd like you to take part online as it's quicker and easier for you, and cheaper for us. Once you have completed the survey, we'll send you a voucher to say thanks.

We would also like to ask your permission to add information held about you by some government departments and agencies to your survey responses, so we can learn even more from what you tell us. This process is explained in more detail in the accompanying 'Adding other information about you' booklet.

We'd be really pleased if you can find the time to take part and help us with this important study. By doing so, you can help us to find new ways to make life better for your generation and the next.



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# YOUR DATA AND CONFIDENTIALITY

We want you to share a lot about your lives with us, so we'd like to give you some assurances:

Taking part is entirely voluntary. If you would rather not answer a particular question, you can move on to the next. It's up to you.

We separate your personal details - your name, address and contact details - from the other information you give us as part of the study, such as your survey responses and any administrative data you choose to add.

At no point will your personal details (or identifiers such as your NHS number, National Insurance number etc.) be included in the data made available to researchers. This is to protect your privacy and make sure that you cannot be identified.

All the information we collect will be held securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.



## FIND OUT MORE

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Next Steps visit our website or contact Curtis Jessop in the NatCen research team.

Watch our video to find out more:

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