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NEXT STEPS AGE 32 SURVEY

Back in 2004, you and around 16,000 other young people were specially selected to take part in the first survey of what would become Next Steps. Since then, there have been seven main surveys with study members, to see how your lives have changed. The next survey is happening now and we really hope that you will take part again. We would love to learn where you are and what you've been doing since we last spoke to you.

The survey this time around is being carried out by Ipsos (an independent research organisation) on behalf of the Centre for Longitudinal Studies at University College London (UCL), which runs the study.



What would we like you to do?

We would like you to complete a survey about your life now and how things have changed for you over the past few years. We will ask about your family and social life, your housing circumstances, your employment and income, your education, and your health and wellbeing.

During the survey we will:

- Ask for your permission to add information held about you in records maintained by various government departments and agencies (if you haven't previously given these).

- Ask if you would be willing to provide a saliva sample so we can analyse your DNA for research.

The survey should take around 60 minutes to complete, but it can be slightly quicker or longer depending on your circumstances.

By taking part you are helping us make life better for your generation and the next. It is entirely voluntary, but we hope you will be able to find the time to help us.

Please take time to read the enclosed booklets as they provide full details on what the survey involves.



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What's next?

We'd like you to do the survey online as it's quicker and easier for you, and efficient for us. But if we do not hear from you, we will also try contacting you in person or by telephone.

To get started, please visit the web link below and enter your online password.

https://ipsos.uk/NS32 ONLINE PASSWORD:

If we have an email address for you, we will also send your login details there.



Thank you

To say thank you for your help, we will send you a voucher which can be spent in a range of shops or websites or can be donated to a charity. Because it's cheaper for us if you do the survey online, we can offer you a £30 voucher. To claim this, you need to complete the survey online within three weeks. After that we will only be able to give you a £20 voucher for taking part. If you provide a saliva sample we will send you an additional voucher of £10.



Will the information you give remain confidential?

The information you give will be used for research purposes only and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Your personal details will be kept strictly confidential and separate from the answers you give, so you can't be identified. More detail about privacy and confidentiality is available in the enclosed booklet and on the Next Steps website:

nextstepsstudy.org.uk/home/privacy/.



Any questions?

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Next Steps, please contact Ipsos at **uk-nextstepssurvey@ipsos.com** or on **Freephone 0800 1522516.**

Thank you for your help with this important study.

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