

IMPACT REPORT

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Salford Foundation is a social inclusion organisation that provides opportunities for young people and adults in Salford and surrounding boroughs to develop social, academic, vocational and personal skills.

We run SWAN, the integrated National Citizen Service programme, this has been running for 3 years for an annual intake of 60 young people.



1. Alongside our extensive NCS work we run an **integrated programme with 60 participants, 30 of whom have a range of additional needs** including learning difficulties, physical disabilities, and/or social and emotional needs. We create an inclusive atmosphere which accommodates all needs in a positive environment.

2. All participants have the opportunity to meet people from backgrounds they may not encounter in their everyday life. In our integrated programme this is heightened by the ratio of additional needs participants. We find the **participants with different life experiences find common ground** and form strong friendships.

3. Within our cohort of 60 there were 5 groups that ran a social action project. **One project has provided winter hampers for homeless people in Salford.** With a bit of funding and a lot of initiative the young people made hampers for 100 people that included socks, hygiene products, some food and other treats.

4. While on the NCS programme the group take part in a 4 day outward bound residential. This included activities such as **high ropes, gorge walking and raft building.** It was

followed by 2 skills days to equip participants with a range of skills for the next part of the programme and their future. Once equipped with their skills they **plan and deliver a social action project** to benefit their local community.

5. On the skills days we link with local businesses such as The Lowry, Salford Lads Club and St Johns Ambulance. These

“The team approached local businesses for donations and raised money from their NCS Dragon’s Den pitch to complete the hampers. They were very committed to the outcome.”

businesses run **workshops for our 60 NCS young people**, providing opportunities not available in school. From this engagement our young people can make links and have access to further opportunities.

6. For our integrated programme we work with special schools and Salford College to recruit. The SEN schools provide staff to support those with additional needs because they are already familiar with the needs and can provide specialist care. The staff value it as a **unique experience** and ensure the SEN students are fully involved in a unique way.