
Information Sheet for Evaluation of Generation UK's Skills Bootcamps

Information for skills bootcamps applicants and participants

What is the research and why is it taking place?

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) is undertaking research to explore the effectiveness and outcomes of skills bootcamps delivered Generation UK. The bootcamps being researched focus on three sectors: technology, healthcare and green.

As part of the research, NFER is wanting to interview young people aged 18-24, or 18-25 if they have special educational needs, who have recently participated in skills bootcamps as well as young people who applied and withdrew or were not offered a place. The research is taking place between March and July 2026

We would very much appreciate your participation in the research.

What activities will the research involve?

The research will involve taking part in an online individual interview of around 20-30 minutes. The interview will explore:

Both participants and applicants who withdrew or were not offered a place

- What you were doing before you applied for Generation UK's skills bootcamp
- Why you applied for Generation UK's skills bootcamp and what you hoped to achieve

Participants

- Your experience of the application and assessment process
- Your experience of the skills bootcamp – what was good and what could be improved
- How you benefitted from the skills bootcamp
- What you progressed onto after the skills bootcamp and what you are doing now
- The extent to which participating in the bootcamp helped you progress in your career.

Applicants

- Reasons for withdrawing or not being offered a place
- The training and job search support you have received since then
- Any work you have been doing since you applied and what you are doing now
- The extent to which the training and job search support you have received has helped you progress in your career.

You will receive a £30 voucher as a thank you for taking part in the interview.

Data protection

NFER is the data controller for the research. Participation in all research activities is entirely voluntary. Research participants will be fully briefed on the purposes of the study and how the information they provide will be used before consenting to take part. We operate fully in-line with data protection legislation (including GDPR) and we will not use the information we receive for anything other than this research.

At the end of the study, NFER will produce a publishable report. Data collected during the study will be anonymised and no individual or organisation will be identifiable from the report, unless permission has explicitly been given by the data subject.

Who is NFER?

NFER is an independent research organisation with many years' experience of undertaking research and evaluation with schools, colleges, businesses and the public sector. For more information please visit: <http://www.nfer.ac.uk/>

Where can I go for more information?

More details about the research including a link to this information sheet and an associated privacy notice can be found [here](#).

In addition, Suzanne Straw, Research Director, is very happy to answer any questions. Please contact Suzanne on s.straw@nfer.ac.uk

Thank you very much for your support with this research.