



Who is NCFE?

We are an educational charity born in 1848 from the belief that no learner should be left behind, and with the core purpose to promote and advance learning – and this same cause continues to drive us today. We are a leader in vocational and technical education dedicated to powering a smarter skills system that matches the aspiration of learners and the demands of future economies.

NCFE is the oldest qualification awarding organisation in the UK, recognised for providing vocational, technical and continuous professional development (CPD) educational products and services aligned to the needs of learners, educators and employers. Headquartered in the North East of England but operating nationally and [internationally](#), NCFE is committed to creating a fairer society with greater inclusivity and choice for learners from every background.

What we do:

- **Champion lifelong learning:** As an educational charity, we are dedicated to campaigning for further education and promoting active participation for learners of all ages.
- **Unlock opportunities:** As the third biggest technical and vocational awarding organisation in the UK, we certificate hundreds of thousands of learners each year.
- **Lead digital transformation in education:** We are a lean, digitally enabled organisation that delivers innovative products, solutions and personalised experiences to every type of learner and educator.
- **Develop deep and credible insight into local need:** We use our deep understanding of the needs of learners, communities and the economy to focus resources on making the biggest difference.
- **Invest in assessment innovation:** Since 2021, we have invested over £1 million into supporting [pilots and research](#) dedicated to modernising the learning and assessment experience for all.

In the last year we have:

- Undertaken over 1.3m assessments in the post-16 employability and skills sector to understand starting points and set learners up for success.
- Registered nearly 10,000 apprentices with over 13,000 assessments taken, with an 85% first time pass rate.
- Worked with around 4,500 providers to extend the delivery of our qualifications and services.
- Engaged with nearly 500 stakeholders in our T Level technical qualification development work to ensure these qualifications fulfil the current and future industry skills needs.
- Presented expert evidence to Select Committees in Parliament.
- Advocated for the wider FE sector through the publication of papers such as our [Austerity Report](#), our [175 Report](#), and our groundbreaking [Transforming Skills Report](#), published in partnership with Corndel and The Edge Foundation.
- Shone a spotlight on the power of further education through initiatives like our Family Learning Festival and our annual [Aspiration Awards](#).

Our learners' successes:

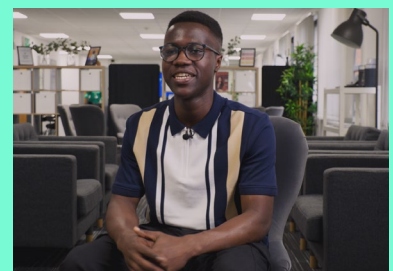
Our work matters because the aspirations of our learners and their community's matter. Here are some of their stories:



Harry is a volunteer paramedic. He completed his Health T Level and is advancing on to pursue paramedic science at university.



Homelearning with NCFE has empowered Gabriella to pursue her aspirations in Cookery, attaining a Level 2 qualification.



Christopher found his passion for social care through caring for his brother. A Level 2 Adult Social Care Apprenticeship has enabled Christopher to transform that passion into his vocation.

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