

Access NFTS

Targeting and Eligibility

Access NFTS aims to raise the aspirations of those over the aged of 11, interested in a future with the creative industries and who are in one or more of the under-represented groups listed.

- 11-16 years old living in a Low Participation Neighbourhood (LPNs, defined as POLAR4 Quintiles 1 and 2 by OfS*
- from a low-income family (eligible for Free School Meals in last six years)
- who are care leavers or in local authority care
- from families with no parental history of HE participation (first generation)
- classified as having a disability
- classified as young carer
- classified as refugees and asylum seekers
- estranged from their families
- who have a parent/carer who has served/is serving in the armed forces or reserves
- from BAME backgrounds
- from Gypsy, Roma or Irish Traveller (GRT) communities
- who identify as a New Traveller, Boater, Bargee or Showperson
- who identify as LGBTQ+

Access NFTS has no age maximum and is keen to work with a broad range of ages and backgrounds.

Although Access NFTS is open to all, priority will be given to those who meet one or more of the criteria above as well as those students from non-selective state schools and colleges.

It is the overall aim that a minimum of 50% of all attendees at Access NFTS led events should meet at least one WP criteria.

*The participation of local areas (POLAR) classification group's areas across the UK based on the proportion of young people who participate in higher education. It looks at how likely young people are to participate in higher education across the UK and shows how this varies by area.

POLAR classifies local areas into five groups - or quintiles - based on the proportion of young people who enter higher education aged 18 or 19 years old. Quintile one shows the lowest rate of participation. Quintile five shows the highest rate of participation. *LPN areas (POLAR4 Quintile 1 or 2) can be found using the OfS online Postcode Lookup Tool.

See full details of the POLAR methodology. POLAR4 is the most recent iteration of POLAR. Read more about POLAR4.

We will also capture any relevant experience and future plans to understand the audience we are engaging with at events and what they require in terms of support from the programme.

More information

To find further information on any of the courses at NFTS please go to our website

www.nfts.co.uk.

To learn about ways to access the NFTS go to www.nfts.co.uk/access where you will find details of our events and activities.

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