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### **Policy Framework**

The policy statements which discuss opportunities for youth volunteering mention the benefits to young people in terms of developing personal skills, while gaining transferable skills and experience which helps them in their further studies or transition to employment. However, the Government does not provide criteria or mechanisms for formal recognition of volunteering.

### **Existing arrangements**

Participation in the [National Citizen Service \(NCS\)](#) results in certification. It is also encouraged by UCAS, the University and College Application Service, and helps young people frame their skills and experiences for interviews and university applications.

Some UK organisations involved in delivering the National Citizen Services have enabled NCS participants to document their learning using the EU's [Europass](#) framework.

All accredited organisations are expected to support individual volunteers to gain accreditation under the EU's [Youthpass](#) framework at the end of their placement.

There do not appear to be any arrangements to use the ECTS and ECVET systems to validate learning during voluntary activities.