

T Level Transition Programme Research Study

Information sheet for T Level Transition Programme students

What is the research and why is it taking place?

The Department for Education (DfE) has commissioned The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to undertake research on the T Level Transition Programme which you are studying on. This research will explore how the T Level Transition Programme is being delivered and we would very much like you to hear from you as a current student. Getting your views and experiences of what it is like studying on the T Level Transition Programme will feed into the development of the programme for future students.

What research activities will I be involved in?

Your school/college is taking part in the evaluation as one of nine case studies which will involve focus groups with students currently studying on a Transition Programme in May/June 2021. NFER would like you, along with up to seven other students on your course, to be involved in the student focus group within your school/college. As part of the case study, we will also be speaking to members of staff involved in delivering the Transition Programme. The focus group will take place on Zoom with a researcher from NFER and will be around 30 – 45 minutes. As part of the focus group, we will talk about what parts of the programme you have enjoyed, aspects you think have worked well or less well, areas for development, what you are planning to do next (e.g. T Level, another course, apprenticeship, employment) and how prepared you feel for this.

In September 2021, we will be conducting some one-to-one follow up interviews with students to discuss how the T Level Transition Programme may be designed and delivered differently in the future. If you would like to be involved in this piece of research, please email Eleanor Bradley (e.bradley@nfer.ac.uk) to express your interest and provide a phone number we can contact you on.

Data protection

The data we collect from the student focus group discussions will be used to understand how the T Level Transition Programmes are being delivered and students' experiences of studying on the programmes.

We will produce a research report which the Department for Education will publish in autumn 2021. All of your comments will be anonymised so you and your school/college will not be identified in the report. The information you share with us will only be used for this research and will be deleted within one year of report being published.

Who is NFER?

NFER is an independent research organisation with many years' experience of undertaking research and evaluation with post-16 education and training providers. 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: <https://www.nfer.ac.uk/for-schools/participate-in-research/t-level-transition-programme-research/>

In addition, Suzanne Straw, the project director at NFER, or Alice Bull, the project manager at DfE are very happy to answer any questions. Please contact Suzanne at s.straw@nfer.ac.uk or Alice at: Alice.BULL@education.gov.uk

Thank you very much for your taking part in the focus group.