



Uni Connect, Collaboration and Covid 19

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What will this session look like?

Uni Connect (formerly the National Collaborative Outreach Programme)

Very brief introduction to the national programme

What qualifies me to talk about it? - FutureHY

Collaboration

What does it mean?

What does it look like from a Uni Connect perspective?

What does it look like locally?

What does it look like nationally?



Covid 19

Challenges/Opportunities

What is Uni Connect?

‘For the past two years, NCOP has focused on areas of England where the number of young people going into higher education is low overall and where there is evidence that significant numbers of young people are not going to university despite having GCSE results predicting their ability to do so.

In the next phase, the programme is expanding to cover a wider range of state-funded schools and colleges outside of NCOP target areas.

This recognises that there are many potential students from underrepresented groups outside low participation areas. It also recognises that we can increase efficiency and effectiveness of outreach carried out by individual colleges and universities if we support them to work with each other in more areas across the country.’

Chris Millward - Director for Fair Access and Participation, Office for Students
Sustained outreach makes the difference - OfS blog post, 30/10/19



Phase 1: Engagement

Partnerships have engaged with

1,613



schools and colleges since 2017

NCOP learners engaged in sustained and progressive outreach

440



schools or colleges have an NCOP-funded member of staff employed or based at the school or college



First academic year of programme

121,522

1 August 2017
– 31 July 2018



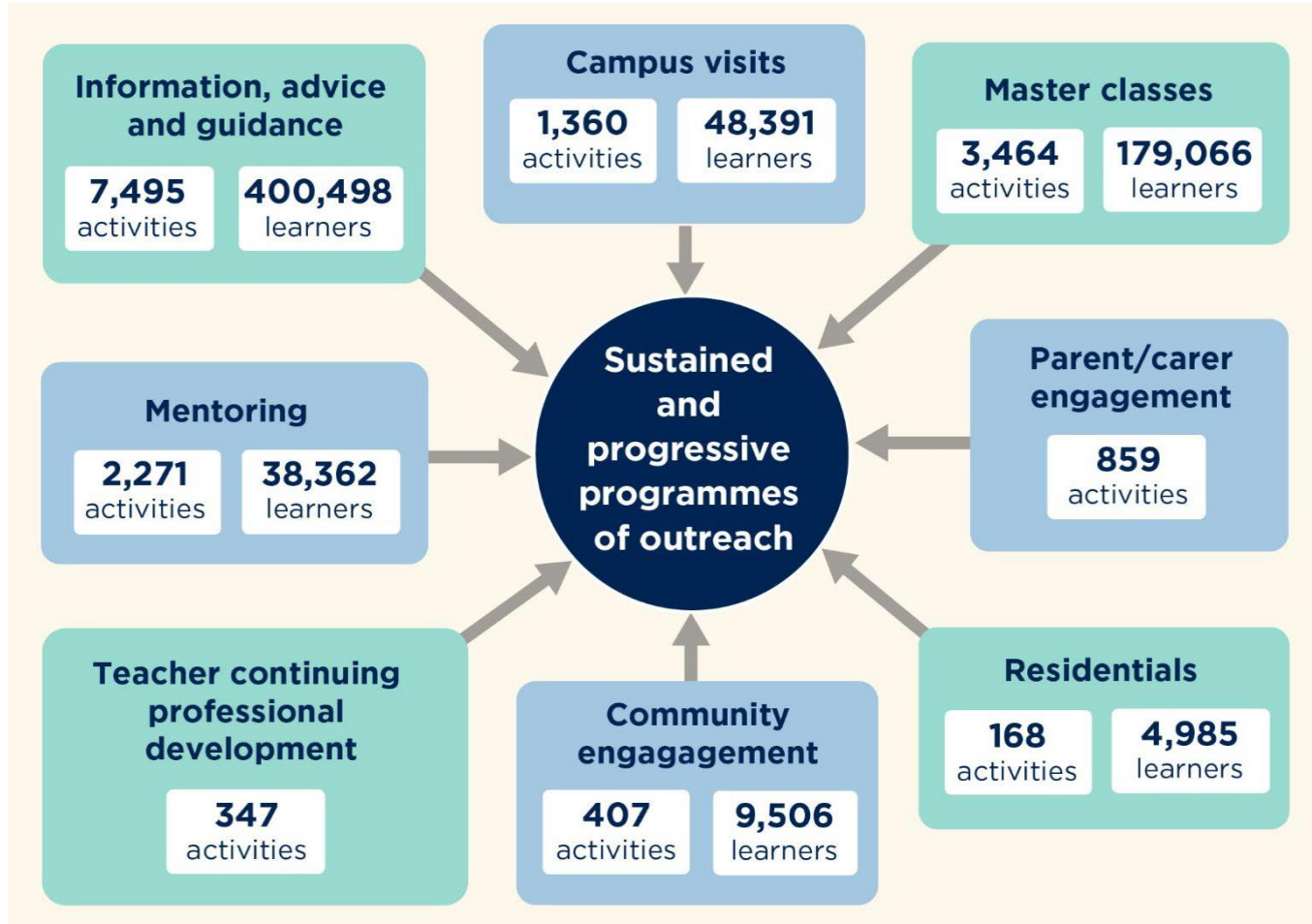
Second academic year of programme

180,922

1 August 2018
– 31 July 2019

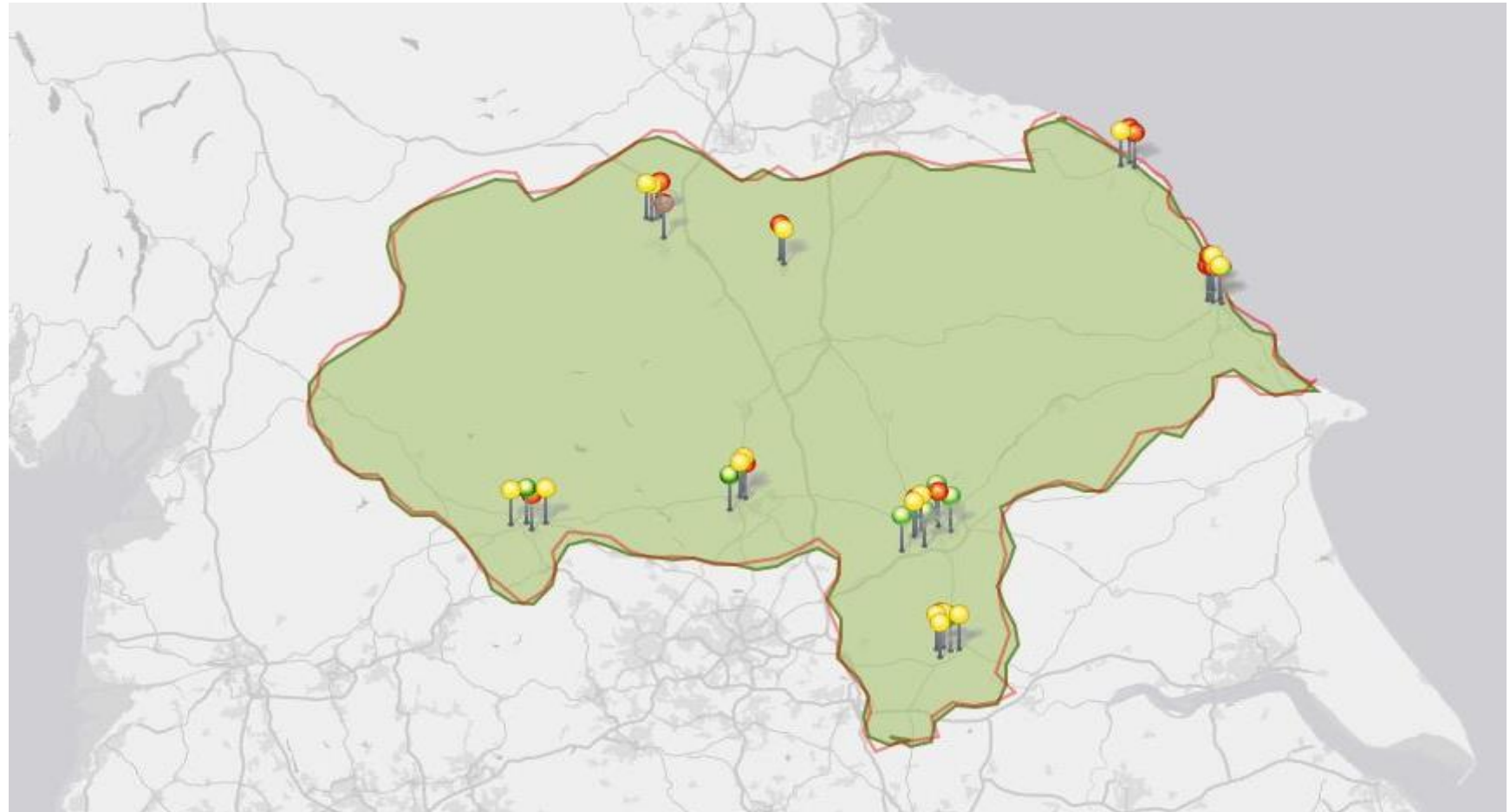


Phase 1: Outreach



Who are FutureHY - York & North Yorkshire

- Partner Institutions
- Schools
- Community Activity



Collaboration - What does it mean?

‘the act of working with another person or group of people to create or produce something’ Oxford dictionary

‘co-labor’ = working together

More than just working alongside someone and co-operating, it’s about working together on shared goals, brainstorming and finding possible solutions



What does it look like from a Uni Connect perspective?

Locally - The Team

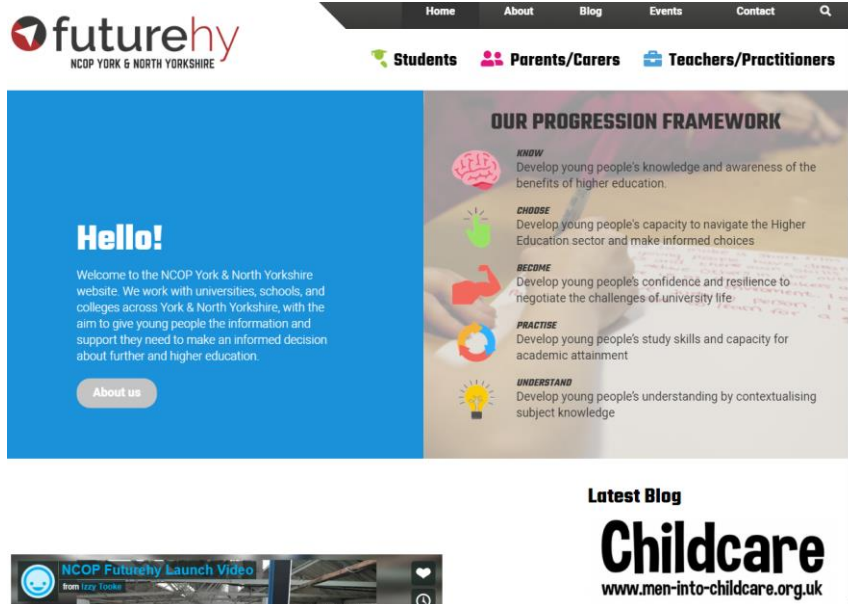
- Central Team - based at lead institution
- Operations Team - based in HE partner institutions
- Staff in schools, community posts, LEP
- Sense of it being a shared journey, all have a sense of ownership and responsibility
- Those on their own may feel isolated

Regionally/Nationally - The Network

- OfS Account manager
- Chairs and Leads meetings with OfS
- Leads meetings
- Regional network meetings
- Regional and national evaluation network



Uni Connect examples



What does it look like locally?

Independent Chair

9 HE Providers

2 Local Authorities

Opportunity Area

LEP/CEC/NYBEP

NCS


Third Sector



FutureHY Project examples

Core/Bespoke prospectus examples
APPs

Activity with partners - Project Dare, Brilliant Club, Brilliant Club, STEM for Girls, Mental Health in Schools CPD, Shape your future, Lost in Translation, Groundworks. Creative Forces

KNOW		Develop young people's knowledge and awareness of the benefits of higher education
CHOOSE		Develop young people's capacity to navigate the Higher Education sector and make informed choices
BECOME		Develop young people's confidence and resilience to negotiate the challenges of university life
PRACTISE		Develop young people's study skills and capacity for academic attainment
UNDERSTAND		Develop young people's understanding by contextualising subject knowledge



What does it look like nationally?

Examples:

CEC

NCS

NERUPI

SCiP Alliance

NNECL

'Prepare for HE'



Covid 19 - Challenges

Communication
Covid 19 strategy
Digital poverty
Attainment gaps
University recruitment



Covid 19 - Opportunities

Rethink priorities

Improve digital offer/presence

Upskill staff

Are all those journeys necessary?

Revisit project evaluation

Impartiality

Build a case for Phase 3



Summary

Mutually dependent

Impartiality

Phase 3



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