

Sharing our experience of social research



NatCen Learning

NatCen Learning was established in 2006 to enable the National Centre for Social Research to share the experience it has built up as Britain's largest independent organisation dedicated to researching social policy.

Our researchers are our trainers, and their substantial experience includes:



We run a range of training events aimed at boosting the quality of social research in the UK by developing participants' core skills and knowledge around key methodological approaches, as well as raising general levels of research literacy.

This includes a programme of open training courses designed and delivered by members of NatCen's team of highly experienced senior researchers, covering topics including contemporary quantitative and qualitative research methods.

The programme caters for all levels of experience and expertise, from established research professionals to those just starting out.

If you need a tailored solution for your team we can develop bespoke learning programmes focusing on specific issues or skills.

Our staff are also able to provide one-to-one research advice and guidance for your teams.

Open course programmes can also be delivered in-house at a time and place to suit your needs.

Our participants include academics, postgraduate students, researchers and research commissioners from across government, public and third sectors. Previous participants have commended our courses for their quality, practical focus and value.

We want our participants to come away with the confidence, knowledge and skills to conduct and manage high quality social research. Our events involve a mixture of taught and small group sessions to allow participants to observe and try out concepts, theories and techniques. This will allow them to understand how to apply new knowledge and skills in a practical way.

“ Nothing to improve the most stimulating training I’ve had outside of university. ”

“ Wonderful course was exactly what I was looking for in terms of background & practical sessions. ”

“ It was absolutely great. Very engaging trainer not a single minute of boredom. ”

“ Well organised, good materials nice staff, great food. Good resources. ”

“ The course was very clear and well thought out. All the tips were very constructive. ”

“ I came away with many things to reflect upon about my work. A very inspiring course! ”



NatCen has always had a strong commitment to supporting and developing the quality of social research in the wider research community and the provision of high quality training is an important aspect of this commitment.

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