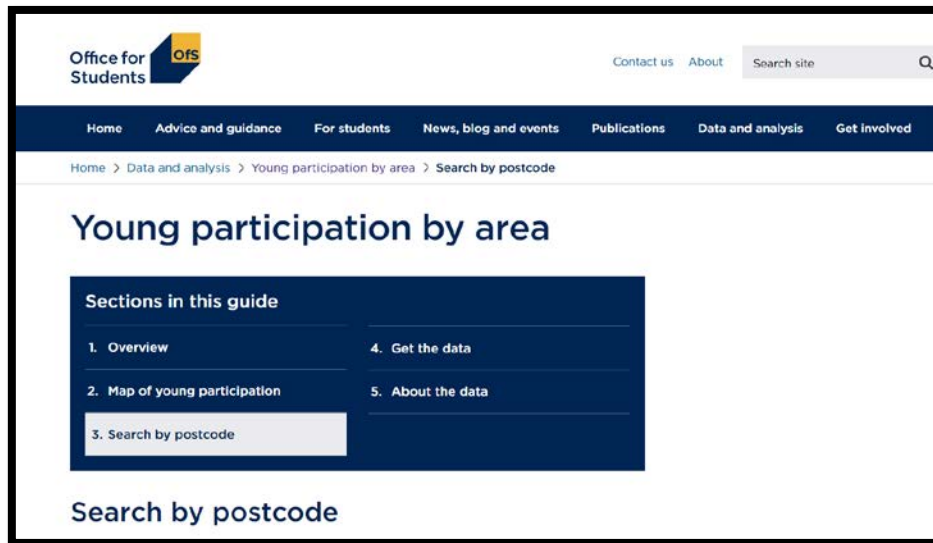




How to Check Your Postcode Eligibility

1. Visit the Office for Students website and click '3. Search by Postcode'
Link: <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area/search-by-postcode/>



2. Enter your postcode into the search bar – make sure there are no spaces at the start, end or in the middle.
e.g. CB2 3BU becomes CB23BU

Area-based measures postcode look-up

This tool can be used to find the area-based measure quintiles associated with a postcode.

Please note, quintiles are applied to areas and then all the postcodes within those areas are assigned that quintile. Quintiles are not specific to streets, buildings or postcodes.

Search postcode (Type a postcode in the search box and press 'enter')

3. Press enter to search.



4. Look at the sentence in dark blue. This search works for all UK postcodes, but if you are a living in a very new development, there might be a problem – if the search doesn't work, get in touch with Ellie at access@christs.cam.ac.uk with your postcode, who will be able to assess for you.

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Your POLAR4 quintile

The postcode you have searched for is in a **POLAR4 Quintile 5** area

POLAR4 assigns a quintile to an area based on how many 18-year-olds from that area started a higher education course between 2009-10 and 2013-14:

- quintile one shows the lowest rates of participation
- quintile five shows the highest rates.

Quintile not displayed or 'Removed'? Click 'View detailed results' to find out why.

5. If POLAR4 reads **Quintile 1 or Quintile 2**, then you are **eligible** for the LPN Summer School event. Quintiles 3-5 are **not** eligible.

What is POLAR?

POLAR measures what proportion of young people in a given area participate in higher education. POLAR4 is the most recent version of this data – if you see POLAR3, it measures the same thing, but the data is older and so not used anymore.

The classifications are split into Quintiles (blocks of 20%). Quintile 1 is the bottom 20% of postcodes – where the fewest young people participate in higher education. Quintile 5 is the top 20% of postcodes, where the highest number of young people participate in higher education.

Why is this part of the eligibility criteria for this event?

In line with the University of Cambridge's commitment to widening participation, we want to increase the number of students coming from less advantaged and underrepresented backgrounds. This includes students from the bottom two quintiles of the POLAR4 classification, which is why the LPN Summer School is targeted in this way.