PERSON SPECIFICATION - Newcastle University Student Language Ambassador

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	HOW MEASURE*
EDUCATION & TRAINING (academic and vocational)	First, second or final year undergraduate or postgraduate student from Newcastle University Experience of the British education system Knowledge of the 'Newcastle undergraduate student experience'		1, 2, 5
EXPERIENCE & ACHIEVEMENTS (paid/unpaid)		Experience of working with young people Students into Schools and/ or Summer School experience	1, 2, 5
SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL QUALITIES	Excellent interpersonal and communication skills demonstrating the ability to communicate effectively with pupils in schools and colleges, parents, academic colleagues and University staff The ability to handle difficult and often sensitive situations The ability to use initiative in unsupervised situations A creative approach to problemsolving, and to be able to adapt to last minute changes in arrangements Team working skills demonstrating the ability to work as a team player and team leader The ability to enthuse young people about Higher Education Excellent presentation and written skills Evidence of extra-curricular activities The ability to be motivated during long and sometimes unsociable hours Reliable and punctual	Awareness and understanding of issues relating to Widening Participation and the barriers to progression in FE and HE, as well as issues relating to student choice Knowledge and understanding of the UCAS procedure	1, 2, 3, 5
OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS	Willingness to work some evenings and weekends, including overnight stays where appropriate	Enhanced disclosure from the DBS (if necessary, the cost of your application will be met by the University on appointment)	1, 2, 5

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Application
 Interview

3) References4) Testing