

Accommodation 2019 Entry

Northern School of Contemporary Dance does not have student accommodation connected to the school but we do facilitate a House Hunting Day and provide support and useful contacts for you to use when arranging your accommodation.

Where do NSCD students live?

Due to the intensive programme that students follow at NSCD we do recommend that you carefully consider the distance you live from the school.

- The majority of NSCD students choose to live in local rented properties, walking distance from school, shared by 4-8 students.
- Each property usually has a mix of year groups which encourages all our students to integrate and allows valuable local knowledge to be shared. Our new students often simply fill the places as our graduates leave although there will be some whole houses available.
- The average cost of rent paid by our current students is £77.70 per week and 90% of them have their utility bills included.
- Some students choose to live in halls of residence. See further in this document for more information
- There is also the option of living in a local 'Home Stay' with a family. See further in this document for more information
- A few, who come from the area, live at home.

Shared Housing

As the majority of our students live in shared housing, NSCD uses the services of **Unipol**, a student housing charity, who accredit all our recommended student housing using the Unipol code. This code aims to ensure that landlords meet and go beyond their legal minimum requirements in providing good quality, safe and well managed housing for students. NSCD recommends all students live in Unipol coded accommodation. New NSCD students will be directed to Unipol to assist with finding shared accommodation. For further information, please visit www.unipol.org.uk.

Throughout May Unipol collate information from local landlords and current NSCD students to produce a list of properties and rooms that will be available from September. They will then provide details of these properties by late May* both on their website and via the NSCD New Starters 2019 Facebook pages. By this point you will have had opportunity to get to know the other new starters on the Facebook pages and begun to consider who you may wish to share a house with.

**There will be very few properties available on a search of the Unipol site for our area prior to this date; please do not worry as there will be a plentiful supply.*

Halls of Residence

Should you prefer not to live in shared housing, there are many halls of residence in Leeds available due to the number of Universities and colleges in the city. Several NSCD students do take this route, though it is likely you will live alongside students from these other Universities or colleges.

[Carr Mills](#) are halls of residence located just a 15 minute walk away from NSCD and have many rooms available at just £102 per week. Should you wish to stay in these halls of residence, Carr Mills will endeavour to assign you a flat with other NSCD students – we suggest contacting Carr Mills as soon as possible should this be of interest and flats can be booked up very quickly.

[iQ Student Accommodation](#) are also located very close to NSCD, just 20 minutes' walk away and have a range of room options at various prices.

The [accommodation for students.com](http://accommodationforstudents.com) website lists many other private halls of residence which may be of interest to you. These range from £85 to £167 per week. Please ensure you check their distance from NSCD, as they may require public transport to enable you to get to the school. It is also important to note that not all of these halls of residence are Unipol coded.

Some additional halls of residence websites that may be useful are:

- [Iconinc](#)
- [Unite Students](#)
- [My Student Halls](#)

Home Stays

Unipol can also coordinate home stays – there are several hosts in the area and Unipol can arrange introductions. If this is of interest, please get in contact with Unipol using the contact details on their website: www.unipol.org.uk.

NSCD House Hunting Day

Of course, you can arrange to view properties at any time that suits you but NSCD will hold an optional House Hunting Day on **Saturday 1st June 2019**. The day is run by Unipol with assistance from the NSCD admissions team. Please see the schedule for the day below:

- **From 10am – sign in and receive house hunting day pack**
This will include useful documents from NSCD and Unipol in relation to house hunting
- **10.15-11am – optional ice breaker session for students and optional tour for parents/carers (studio 7)**
This will be an informal opportunity for new students to get to know their future classmates and for parents to see the facilities NSCD has to offer should they not have had this opportunity on the audition day.
- **11-11.30am – coffee break (foyer)**
Refreshments will be provided free of charge. **Please note NSCD's canteen will NOT be open to purchase food from on this day, therefore you may wish to bring provisions for lunch if required.**
- **11.30-12.15pm – Unipol presentation and current student Q&A session (theatre)**
This will cover all the important aspects of renting a property; from typical rents and deposits to what to look for when viewing a property. *This presentation can be emailed to all new students on request, and to anyone who is unable to attend the house hunting day.*

Two students currently studying on NSCD's courses will also be available for questions regarding their house hunting and accommodation experiences. *The students will be available after this session as well for non-accommodation related queries.*

- **12.30pm onwards – meet accredited landlords and independently view properties (studio 3)**
The remainder of the day is available for new students and parents/carers to spend as they wish:

- From the property details that will have been provided by Unipol you may have narrowed down which properties you want to view or request further information about.
- You can arrange a viewing slot with a landlord at the start of this session or simply call them at any point in the afternoon. Unipol staff will be on hand to offer help with web searches, contacting landlords and arranging viewings. You can view as many properties as you wish.
- Most properties are walking distance from NSCD although the landlords are usually happy to give you a lift to and back from their properties.
- You may decide to commit to a property on the same day as the event, which will involve signing a contract** and paying a deposit. Unipol staff will be on hand to offer support and advice on all aspects of contracts. Alternatively you may decide to go away and think about it and contact the landlords at a later point.

(**Students who will be under 18 at the start of the course will still be under the guardianship of a parent/carer even if living away from home. They must therefore be accompanied on the accommodation search and parent/carers will need to agree and sign any contracts.)

To book your place on the House Hunting Day, please complete the online form [here](#).

For further enquiries, please contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk.