Routes into Work for Young People: Removing Barriers and Creating Opportunities

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Thursday 12th December 2013
10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

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Overview

At present 1.1m young people are not in education, employment or training (NEET) in England. Seeking to address youth unemployment both in the short term and long term, the Government launched its national strategy, entitled ‘Building Engagement, Building Futures: Our Strategy to Maximise the Participation of 16-24 Year Olds in Education, Training and Work’ in December 2011, underpinned by a £1bn Youth Contract.

Recognising the urgent need to improve the basic skills of young people and provide them with the qualifications necessary to secure good jobs or to enter higher education, the Government’s strategy set out reforms to the education and vocational education system, including the development of new 16-18 programmes of study and raising the participation age to 18 from September 2013.

Endeavouring to help young people to make the transition from school into further education, training or employment, the Government has sought to encourage schools, local authorities, businesses, community organisations and JobCentre Plus to provide tailored support to young people, through measures such as reforming careers advice and incentivising employers to design and deliver high-quality vocational training. The Government has also committed to creating 250,000 additional work experience places, and to funding 160,000 job subsidies and 40,000 incentive payments for small firms. For groups particularly at risk of disengagement, the Government is funding comprehensive, targeted assistance through new Payment by Results schemes across the country as part of its Youth Contract.

Whilst welcoming the Government’s efforts, the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission’s report ‘State of the Nation 2013’ (October 2013) argues that the Youth Contract is not working effectively and that its policies do not go far enough. The report outlines concerns for both the number and quality of work experience placements and apprenticeships available, with currently just over one quarter of businesses in England offering work experience, and the financial support provided to young people. It also stresses the need to ensure responsibility for those young people who do not qualify for the Youth Contract or that need to be re-engaged having dropped out of college or further education or those who have completed training but do not successfully move into work.

This special symposium offers an invaluable opportunity for practitioners and key stakeholders to examine the Government’s strategy and its impact, consider the effectiveness of the Youth Contract, and discuss how best to maximise the participation of 16-24 year olds in education, training and work.

Why Attend?

✓ Examine how to boost young people’s basic skills and improve access to quality training and work experience
✓ Explore how to better identify and support young people at risk of disengagement and long-term unemployment
✓ Discuss how to work with and incentivise employers to increase the opportunities available to young people
✓ Consider how to work in partnership to strengthen the advice and support available to young people at every transition

Who Should Attend?

• Schools, Colleges and Further Education Providers
• NEET Strategy Teams
• Learning Providers and Councils
• Connexions and Jobcentre Plus
• Employment and Training Services
• Education Business Partnerships
• Apprenticeship and Skills Teams
• Careers Teams
• Health and Wellbeing Boards
• Central and Local Government
• Employer Engagement Teams
• Employment and Enterprise Teams
• Work-Based Learning Teams
• Vocational Learning
• Youth Participation and Engagement Teams
• HR and Workforce Development Teams
• Organisational Development Teams
• Children and Youth Services
• Adult and Community Services
• Local Strategic Partnerships
• Education Development Teams
• Education Welfare Teams
• EOTAS Teams
• Economic Development Teams
• Social and Rural Enterprise Teams
• Alternative Provision Teams
• 14-19 Partnership Teams
• LEA Teams
• Teenage Pregnancy Teams
• YOTs and DAATs
• Children in Care and Leaving Care Teams
• SEN Teams
• Behaviour and Attendance Teams
• Inclusion Teams
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• Homelessness Teams
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Programme

09:30   Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15   Chair’s Welcome and Introduction
10:30   Panel Session One: Education, Training and Apprenticeships – Transforming Young People from ‘NEET’ into ‘Ready to Work’
        • Raising Educational Attainment and School Standards – Ensuring Every Young Person Leaves School with the GCSEs and Skills Necessary to Succeed
        • Improving Access to Worthwhile Vocational Education – Delivering New Coherent 16-19 Programmes of Study; Raising the Participation Age
        • Widening Participation in Higher Education – Identifying and Nurturing Potential to Succeed, Developing Flexible Routes into HE
        • Expanding Apprenticeships and Incentivising Employers – Strengthening the Content and Structure to Deliver the Right Skills for the Workplace
        • Targeting those at Greatest Risk of Disengagement – Supporting and Encouraging Young People through ‘Payment by Results’, LA and Community-Led Projects
        • On the Path to Success – Providing Effective, Personalised and Coordinated Support, Career Advice and Financial Assistance at Every Key Transitional Period

11:15   Morning Refreshments
11:30   Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30   Networking Lunch
13:30   Panel Session Two: Improving Opportunities for Young People – Working in Partnership to Remove Barriers to Employment
        • Improving Access to Quality Work Experience or Sector-Based Work Academies – Developing Flexible Routeways into Jobs
        • Working with Employers to Make a Clear Case for the Benefits of Recruiting Young People and Jointly Investing in Projects to Create Opportunities
        • Incentivising Employers to Recruit Young People – Clarifying Financial Assistance, Targeting Areas of High Unemployment, Ensuring Schemes are Cost-Effective
        • Helping Young People to Start-up their Own Business – Providing Access to Business Mentors and Locating Sources of Funding
        • Strengthening Partnership Working between Jobcentre Plus, Colleges, Training Organisations and Employers to Deliver the Youth Contract
        • Supporting Young People at Risk of Long-Term Unemployment through the Work Programme and Increasing the Opportunities Available to Disabled Young People

14:15   Afternoon Refreshments
14:30   Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two
15:30   Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments
15:40   Networking Reception
16:30   Close

**Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice**

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26th November 2013

Mental Health and Young People: Implementing the Suicide Prevention Strategy
27th November 2013

Recruiting Non-UK Nationals through the Points Based System: Ensuring Your Organisation is Compliant
27th November 2013

Improving Responses to Rape and Sexual Assault: Delivering a Victim-Centred System
28th November 2013

Meeting the Challenge of Dementia: Raising Awareness and Improving Care Standards
28th November 2013

Raising Animal Welfare Standards at the Time of Slaughter or Killing
3rd December 2013

The Future of NHS Commissioning: Implementing the New Structural Framework
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4th December 2013

Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing: Safeguarding Children from Sexual Exploitation
5th December 2013

Strengthening the Education Workforce: Transforming Teacher Training for Every School
10th December 2013

Child and Adolescent Health and Well-Being: Addressing the Hidden Harm Caused by Parental Alcohol Misuse
11th December 2013

Community Cohesion and Social Inclusion: Strengthening Partnership Working Between Local Authorities and the Voluntary and Faith Sectors
11th December 2013

The Future of Criminal Justice: From National Framework to Local Partnership Working
12th December 2013

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