

Annex: Additional Support for 18-24 year olds

From day 1 to 26 weeks of unemployment

Backing Young Britain

As part of the Backing Young Britain campaign Ministers have announced the following package of additional voluntary measures to support unemployed 18-24 year olds on JSA

From day 1:

Voluntary group jobsearch sessions for newly unemployed (18 year olds only) within the first month of their JSA claim.

- From 7 September.
- Tailored to provide a more basic introduction to jobsearch and to include options and signposting specific to customers in this age group.
- Involvement of Connexions/Careers Service or other partner organisations with a special interest in helping young people

Work trials for those at greatest disadvantage.

- From day 1 of claim
- From 1 September
- For customers aged between 18 and 24 with less than six months post-education work experience.

Expanded mentoring support from employers.

- From day 1 of claim
- From January 2010
- JCP to signpost customers to organisations offering mentoring opportunities

From 13 weeks:

Work experience opportunities.

- After 13 weeks of claim
- 2 weeks maximum
- From January 2010
- Customer remains on JSA

Optional additional hour of adviser support for people who reach 13 wks unemployment

- to be delivered nation-wide to customers whose claim starts on or after 1 September (so support received from Jan onwards)

From 26 weeks:

Non Graduate Internships

- From January 2010
- Available to 18-21 yr olds
- 13 weeks average duration
- Unpaid interns receive a training allowance

Graduate Internships

- From Jan 2010 in Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk
- Date TBC in Essex, Beds and Herts
- The point of claim this will become available is to be confirmed
- Unpaid interns receive training allowance
- Available to 21-24 year old university graduates who graduated in 2008/09/10

26 – 50 weeks unemployed

Young Persons' Guarantee

Four options: Routes into Work, Future Jobs Fund, Work Focussed Training, Community Task Force.

Crosscutting features:

- Individuals may be 18 yrs 4 mths+, up to 24 yrs old
- New Deal for Young People is still operating in approx 50% of GB until October 2010
- Customers will be invited to take up the most appropriate option
- Initially participation will be voluntary – although usual JSA conditionality rules will apply

1. Routes into Work:

Jobcentre Plus will work with employment growth sectors to help young people to access existing jobs in key employment sectors.

Sectors covered are:

- January 2010: Adult Social Care, Facilities Management, Security
- From March 2010: Health, Environmental "Green Economy", Contact Centres and Food and Drink Manufacturing
- Pre-employment training will be available
- Employers will receive a recruitment subsidy.

2. Future Jobs Fund

- Worth around £1bn
- From October 2009
- Creation of 150,000 new jobs – 100,000 for young people

The jobs will be:

- real jobs – paying at least national minimum wage, at least 25 hrs a week, lasting > 6 months
- suitable for long-term unemployed
- of benefit to the local community.

3. Work Focused Training:

- From late November in Cambs, Suffolk and Norfolk
- From July 2010 Beds, Herts and Essex
- Help to find a sustainable job as quickly as possible
- Work towards a Level 2 or Level 3 qualification
- Delivered flexibly in areas relevant to local labour market
- Full time training option
- Will meet vocational needs & soft skills needs.
- Expectation of 3 – 6 months training

4. Community Task Force:

- From April 2010 Cambs, Suffolk and Norfolk
- From October 2010 in Beds, Herts and Essex
- Helps young people develop skills and work habits whilst delivering real help to their community.
- Customers will receive a weekly allowance.
- From April referral to CTF will become mandatory when a young person has not completed any of the other offers.

Pathways for under-25s on Incapacity Benefit:

Additional support for people with a health condition or disability. This will only be available in provider-led Pathways to Work districts.