



All-Party Parliamentary
Group
For Youth Employment



Making Youth Employment Policy Work

Online Meeting, 14:00-15:00, 21st September 2020:

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Agenda

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| 14:00 | Welcome and housekeeping |
| 14:10 | Introduction from Chair, James Daly MP |
| 14:15 | Covid-19 and the Labour Market, Tony Wilson ,
Director of the Institute for Employment Studies |
| 14:30 | The Youth Employment Group (YEG), Samantha Windett ,
Director of Policy at Impetus and YEG
Chair |
| 14:45 | Follow-up questions and discussion |
| 14:55 | Meeting Close |
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Meeting Overview

Youth Employment is expected to continue to rise over the coming months and the true number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) likely to be higher than the statistics suggest. The number of NEET 16-24 year olds has been steadily rising and is now above 1,000,000 for the first time since 2015.

This meeting will explore the latest labour market statistics due to be released in September by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Our guest speakers will discuss the expected impact of Covid-19 on young people over the coming years whilst highlighting the fantastic work of the Youth Employment Group (YEG) - a group of over 100 organisations collaborating to produce recommendations that ensure no young person is left behind.

Guest Speakers



Tony Wilson, Director of the Institute for Employment Studies

Tony Wilson is the Director of the Institute for Employment Studies and has worked in employment policy and research for most of the last twenty years.

Tony has vast experiences in a range of roles spanning central government and independent institutes. He has particular expertise in labour market policy and analysis; the design, delivery and evaluation of employment and skills programmes; supporting organisations to understand and apply evidence of 'what works'; devolution and local delivery; and leading complex programmes. Previously, Tony was Director of Research and Development at the Learning and Work Institute, and before that a Director at the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion. Between 2001 and 2011 he worked on employment, skills and welfare in the Department for Work and Pensions, Jobcentre Plus and latterly in HM Treasury. This included the co-created of the Future Jobs Fund, work experience programmes and integrated employment and skills support for young people.

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**Samantha Windett, Director of
Policy at Impetus**

Sam is the Director of Policy for Impetus, which transforms the lives of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds by ensuring they get the right support to succeed in school, in work and in life. Sam is also Chair of the Youth Employment Group, which brings together key leaders and experts around the youth employment sector to help drive the UK's response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Previously, Sam was Head of Policy at ERSA, the representative body for the employment support sector, and, prior to that, led the policy and public affairs teams for support providers in the private and charity sectors.

Context and focus of the inquiry

Before the Covid-19 crisis began there were approximately 750,000 young people not in employment, education or training (NEET). Youth unemployment is expected to continue to rise as the economic impacts of Covid-19 are fully realised; the Resolution Foundation, the Institute for Employment Studies and the Learning and Work institute have predicted there will be at least 600,000 more unemployed young people, with a further 500,000 expected to become NEET over the next 18 months.

Following the £3.06bn government investment into new and existing youth employment initiatives in the summer, is there any sign of tensions in the systems and areas where young people can fall through the gaps? In this inquiry we will explore the key youth employment programmes and see what the early indicators of success are, it will aim to provide constructive feedback to the government to accelerate impact or where improvements need to be made if there are tensions in the system.

- Are the summer's announcements #PlanForJobs ambitious enough to address the youth unemployment challenge?
- Are there gaps and tensions that may cause a rise in further inequalities amongst groups of young people such as those furthest from the labour market?
- What more needs to be done to accelerate impact and ensure no young person is left behind?

Submissions should be emailed to josh@youthemployment.org.uk by the 7th November 2020, no later than 5pm.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates 2020

19th October -Anna Smee, CEO Youth Futures Foundation and a representative from the Confederation of British Industry

December TBC -a Minister will be invited to give evidence and receive a copy of the Inquiry Report.

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