

CHARTER FOR A FUTURE THAT WORKS

A graphic showing three stylized human figures in grey, pushing a large, dark grey arrow that points upwards and to the right. The arrow is positioned behind the word 'WORKS' in the main title.

The TUC's Charter for A Future That Works calls for urgent action by government, employers and other organisations to address the unemployment crisis facing young people today. We believe there must be action now to make sure that there is a future worth looking forward to for young people.

By signing this Charter, I pledge to call for the following measures to give young people a future that works:

A Job Guarantee: The Government should guarantee paid work or training to every young person who has been out of work for six months or more.

Action on Apprenticeships: All public bodies should commit to recruiting a set number of apprentices each year and public sector contracts should require all private contractors to have a quality apprenticeship scheme.

Quality Work Experience: Young people should have access to good quality work experience that includes a guarantee of both quality training and a job interview at the end of any placement.

Welfare Reform: In the short-term the Government should reform the rules on Jobseeker's Allowance to allow young people to return to full time education without any effect on their benefits. In the longer term we need a Youth Credit (or other financial support) to help all young people boost both their learning and employment prospects.

Practical support: We need extra measures to help young people stay in education and assist with transport costs to enable young people to travel to work.

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