

Upskilling Pathways and Young Adult Learners' Project

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Upskilling Pathways

New Skills Agenda for Europe

The new Skills Agenda for Europe, adopted by the Commission on 10 June 2016, launched **10 actions to make the right training, skills and support available** to people in the EU. The goals and actions on the Agenda are set out in [Communication: A New Skills Agenda for Europe](#).

Action	Status
1 Upskilling Pathways: New Opportunities for Adults	Underway
2 European Qualifications Framework	Underway
3 Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition	Underway
4 Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills	Underway
5 EU Skills Profile Tool Kit for Third-Country Nationals	Underway
6 Vocational education and training (VET)	Underway
7 Key competences	Underway
8 Europass	Underway
9 Graduate Tracking	Underway
10 Analysing and sharing of best practice on brain flows	Underway



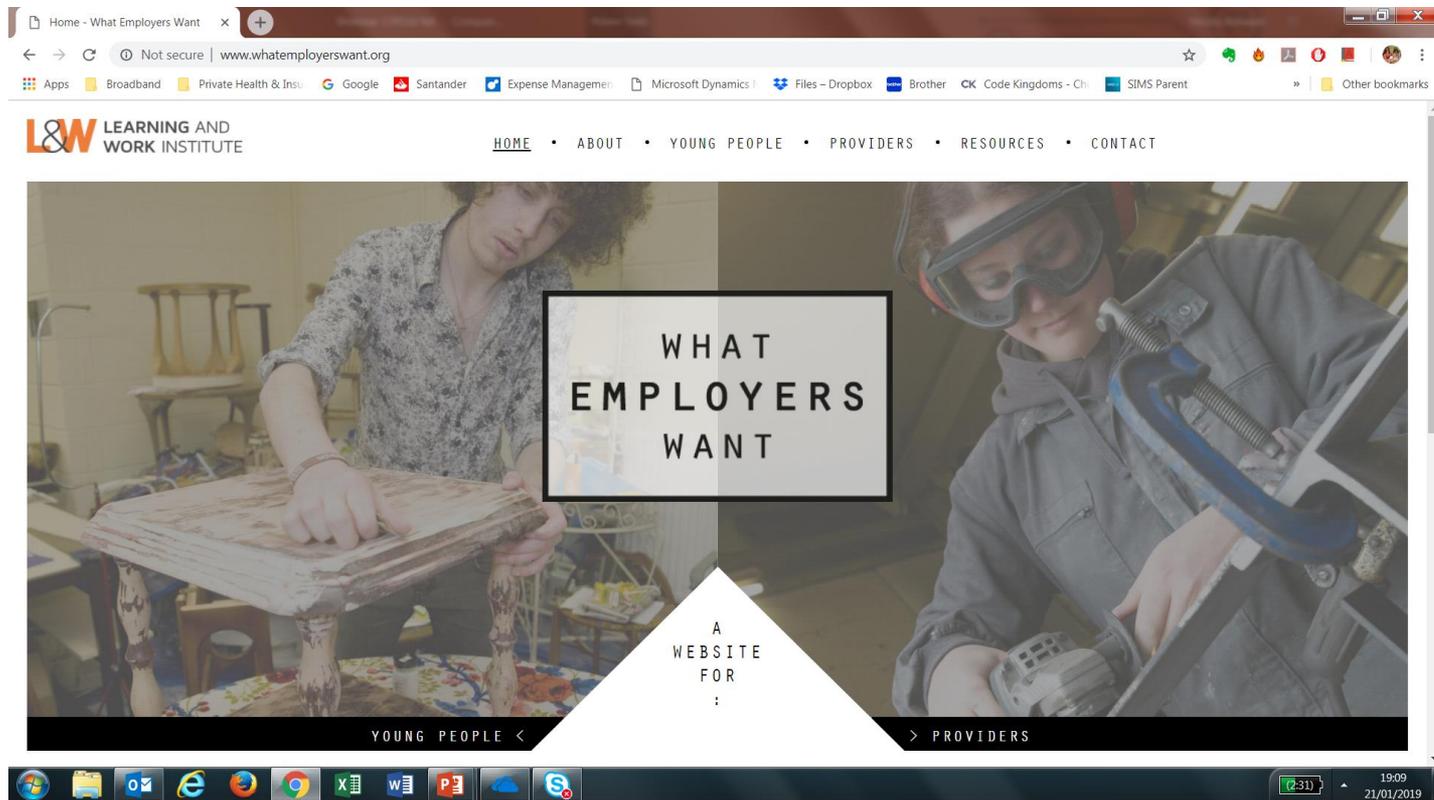
Aim – to enable young people who experience barriers to learning and employment to overcome the disadvantage they face and achieve their potential.

How do we work?

- **Policy** – how does national and local policy affect young people? What changes are needed to give young people who find themselves excluded the opportunities they deserve? Seek to influence policy makers through developing a strong evidence base.
- **Practice** – which approaches make a difference in engaging and enabling young people to achieve? Identifying and disseminating effective practice. Testing out new approaches. Facilitating partnerships and collaboration.
- **Promotion** – raising awareness of the challenges that many young people face. Showcasing success stories – Festival of Learning, and external campaigns. Social media and wider campaigning.

Young people are at the centre of our work:

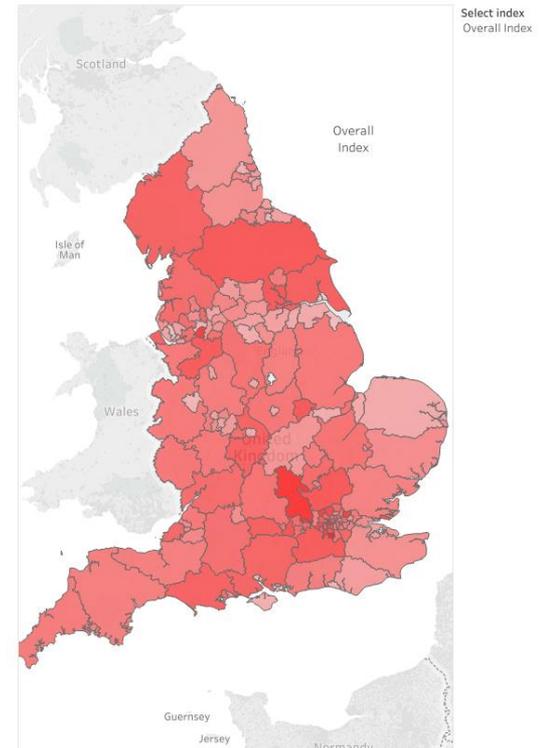
What Employers Want – this approach was developed as part of L&W's role as UK Coordinator of EAAL. Involved training groups of young people to interview employers to find out what they are looking for when they recruit a young person. www.whatemployerswant.org



Youth Commission – launched in summer 2018 our Youth Commission is looking at how to improve education and employment opportunities for young people aged 16-24. In our launch report we identified 5 key challenges to raise attainment and narrow inequalities.

In October 2018 we published our Youth Opportunity Index. The Index gives a relative measure of education and employment opportunities across England's 150 local education authorities.

Reports and index available on the Youth Commission pages of L&W's website.



Young adult carers

Young people who provide unpaid care to a family member or friend, on a regular basis. 2011 census identified 314,000 YACs in England and Wales. True figure likely to be much higher. Experience poor outcomes in education and employment:

- On average achieve 9 lower GCSE grades than their peers.
- 3 x more likely to be NEET.
- 45% report a mental health difficulty.

L&W has produced a range of reports, films and resources. These can be found on the Young Adult Carers page on our website, along with information about the policy changes that we're currently campaigning for.

Young Adult Carers in Learning and Work

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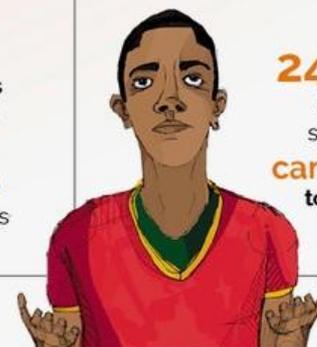
There are over **314,000 known young adult carers** aged 16-24 in England and Wales. This equates to **1 in 20 young people**



45% of young adult carers report having a **mental health problem**



Young adult carers are almost **5 times more likely to drop out of college** than their peers



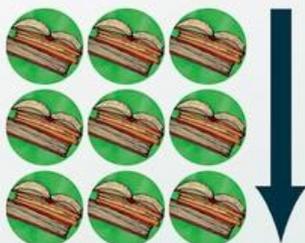
24% of young adult carers in school say they **cannot afford to go to college or university**

Young adult carers...



... provide **£5.5 billion** of unpaid care per year

... achieve the equivalent of **9 grades lower at GCSE** than their peers...



That's the difference between **9 Cs and 9 Ds**



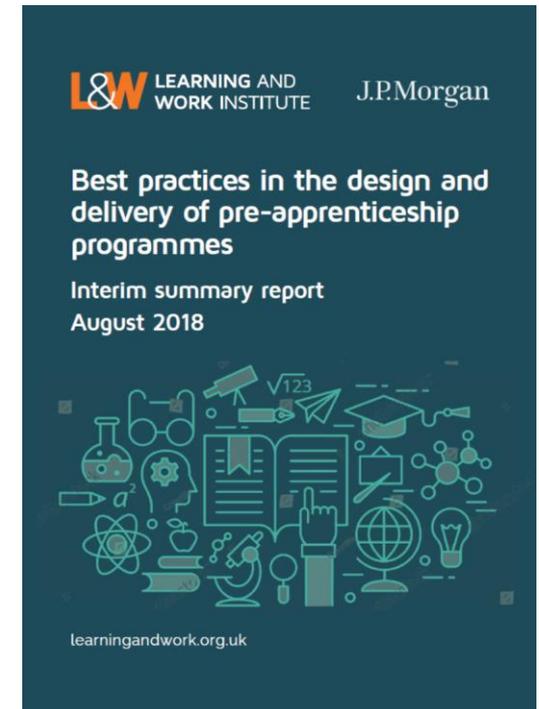
... lose an average of **17 working days** and experience disruption to 79 days each year because of caring

... are **3 times more likely to be or have been NEET** (not in education, employment or training) than other young people of the same age.



Pre Apprenticeships – influencing policy and practice

- Best practice in the design and delivery of pre-apprenticeship programmes across Europe. Report, resources and knowledge exchange event.
- Testing of new approaches to the delivery of traineeships. Series of films and resources on our website.



Information about all of L&W's work with young people is available on our website:

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