

Support for Young People who are NEET

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Introduction

- Overview of participation in learning
- Programmes to support young people
- Programmes to support those with disabilities
- Challenges
- Actions

Participation in Learning

Comparative Data

16-17 year olds	County Durham	North East	England	Statistical Neighbours
Participating in Learning	89.7%	90.5%	92.4%	91.2%
NEET	5.2%	4.9%	2.8%	4.2%
Not Known	0.7%	1.2%	2.0%	1.1%
NEET + Not Known	5.8%	6.1%	4.8%	5.3%

Department for Education: Local Authority Client Caseload Information System, June 2022

- Overall 16-17 cohort in County Durham - 11,170
- Number of 16-17 year olds who are NEET – 579 (5.2%)
- Of these - 424 are available to the labour market, 155 are not
- Number of 16-17 year olds whose education, employment or training destination is Not Known is 73 (0.7%).

Participation in Learning

Trends

	June 2022	June 2021	June 2020	June 2019
Participating in Learning	89.7%	89.2%	90.5%	89.6%
NEET	5.2%	5.8%	5.0%	5.5%
Not Known	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	1.4%
NEET + Not Known	5.8%	6.4%	5.7%	7.0%

Department for Education: Local Authority Client Caseload Information System.

- Covid-19 witnessed an initial increase in young people participating in full-time education – ‘safe haven’
- However, there is now an increasing number of young people in employment-based destinations, including Apprenticeships and jobs without training.

Participation in Learning

Apprenticeships

16-17 year olds	June 2022	June 2021	June 2020	June 2019
County Durham	8.5%	5.5%	6.8%	7.8%
North East	7.6%	6.0%	6.9%	7.6%
England	4.7%	4.1%	5.1%	5.8%

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Programmes to support young people

	DurhamWorks 3	DurhamWorks (incorporating DurhamWorks Programme for Schools)	DurhamWorks Futures
Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £4m ESF 1,191 starts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £11.9m ESF 6,900 starts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £1.2m YFF 290 starts (of which 150 are part of formal evaluation)
Priority Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 -24, absolute NEET and from vulnerable groups: SEND (EHCP), SEN Support, Looked After/Care Leavers/accessed Social Care interventions, teenage parents, excluded from education and/or accessed Alternative Educational, offenders/ex offenders/at risk of offending, young carers, those with Mental Health Difficulties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 - 16 in education and at risk of NEET. 16 - 24 re engagement : NEET, disadvantaged, young parents, those on a zero hour contract. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absolute NEET and from specific vulnerable groups: Social Care intervention, SEN Support, exclusions from education, attended Alternative Education provision.
Delivery Partners	DCC as lead partner with Groundwork and Springboard.	DCC as lead partner with Groundwork, Cornforth and New College Durham.	DCC as lead partner with Groundwork

Programme Features

Activity mapping	DWPFS	DD Re-eng	DW3	DWF (YFF)
Employer grant	N/A	N	Y	Y
Volunteering	N/A	Y	Y	Y
Peer mentoring	N/A	N	Y	Y
Job Tasters	N/A	Y	Y	Y
Work Exp	N/A	Y	Y	Y
School prevention 1:1 mentoring	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A
Work related learning activity	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A
School prevention group work	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A
Post 16-transition support	Y	Y	Y	Y
Accredited Maths & English delivery (*ESF req'd result)	N/A	Y*	Y	N
Self employment support	N/A	Y	Y	Y
Pre-apprenticeship/traineeship provision	N/A	Y	Y	N
Subcontracted sector routeways	N/A	Y	Y	Y
Independent travel training	Y	Y	Y	Y
Job creation	N/A	Y	Y	Y
Barriers Fund	Y	Y	Y	Y
Intermediate Labour Market offer	N/A	N	N	Y

Programmes to support people with learning, physical or mental health needs



- Nationally accredited Supported Employment Service to help people with significant disabilities to secure and retain paid employment
- £3.6m ESF funding to support 900 adults
- Target Group: 18+ eligible for Adult Social Care support, Learning Disability and/or Autism, Disability – physical/sensory, Mental Health difficulties, previously held an EHCP/Statement
- Additional softer outcomes include independence and improved wellbeing.



- Support for participants on DurhamWorks, DurhamEnable and Employability Durham's ESF programmes who are experiencing mental health issues which are proving a barrier to their successful progression into employment, training or volunteering
- Public Health funding to support 360 individuals.

Challenges

- Buoyant labour market however increasing numbers of young people entering jobs with no training - lower paid, lower skilled, insecure and more at risk of future economic downturn.
- Higher levels of economic inactivity – mental ill health a significant factor.
- Young people unwilling to engage with programmes such as DurhamWorks and/or support offered through DWP Jobcentre Plus
- Future funding.

Actions

- New methods of engaging young people.
- Establishing routeways into specific employment sectors that are experiencing labour shortages.
- Signposting to financial support for young people and their families, including a DurhamWorks Flexible Fund.
- Creating DurhamHELP to support young people and adults where mental ill health is a factor that is preventing them from accessing the labour market.