

Ending the NEET crisis for good

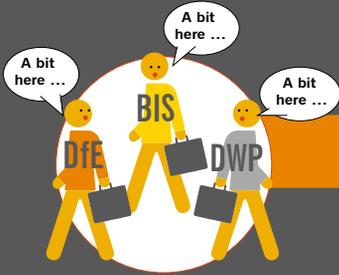
Almost a million young people in the UK are not in education, employment or training (NEET)

1,000,000

The annual cost to public purse of the NEET crisis runs into several billions

£22 billion

Why aren't we all over this problem?
Because no one person is accountable for solving it.



Today, no-one is accountable for solving the NEET crisis

The proportion of young people who are NEET remains stubbornly high. This is a structural issue – not one tied to economic cycles – and it needs structural solutions. Today, three separate government departments are responsible for different bits of the problem, which means that no one person in government is charged with responsibility to solve the NEET crisis.



This must change

Following the 2015 General Election, we call on the UK's next Prime Minister to appoint – for one term only – a Secretary of State to Make NEETs History and to chair a new Cabinet Committee to make ending the NEET crisis a key government priority

The new Secretary of State focuses on four key areas

TO DO LIST

- Repair the school-to-work transition
- Focus on higher-quality further education and apprenticeships
- Tailor job search services for young people
- Incentivise local authorities to make an impact

By 2020

- Every school is responsible for their pupils' post-16 destinations – and is resourced to succeed
- Further education providers are helping many more young people gain qualifications that employers value
- Two thirds of all government funded apprenticeships are reserved for the under-25s
- Every Jobcentre Plus employs specialist youth advisers
- Every local authority is active and effective in reducing NEET numbers in its catchment