

# Welsh Government launch new young guarantee flagship policy

A new Welsh Government guarantee, providing everyone under the age of 25 with the offer of work, education, training or self-employment, has been launched.

The Young Person's Guarantee is a commitment in its five-year programme for government.

Phase one of the guarantee provides young people aged 16 to 24 in Wales with access to:

- one simple route to access the guarantee via Working Wales – support and advice from advisers will be provided in multiple forms, including virtually, on the high street, and through improved outreach facilities across Wales;
- self-employment advice and support available through Big Ideas Wales;
- traineeships, that provide work experience and training;
- training and wage incentives via the ReAct programme;
- a place on one of the Welsh Government's outreach Community Employability programmes;
- help to find an apprenticeship;
- a new course search platform, for those wanting to enter further education or higher education, to make it easier to find their choice; and
- a referral to one of the programmes funded by other partners, such as DWP and local authorities.

Working Wales has become the single gateway for every 16- to 24-year-old to access the guarantee.

This will build on its model of delivering careers guidance

and signposting support.

Working Wales is also trialling a new job matching service, to assist young people with securing employment and to help employers fill vacancies.

Economy Minister Vaughan Gething said: “The Welsh Government is determined that there will be no lost generation in Wales as a result of the pandemic.

“Our young people hold the key to Wales’ future success – which is why I’m delighted to officially launch our Young Person’s Guarantee. We are putting in place an ambitious programme designed to provide everyone under 25 in Wales with the offer of work, education, training, or self-employment.

“This is the bold action we must take to help young people get the best possible start. We want to give young people the support they need for a brighter future when leaving school, college, university, if they are unemployed or even facing redundancy.

“Whatever the uncertainties we face, we can be sure of one thing – failing to step up to support young people today, guarantees economic failure tomorrow.”

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