

# Welsh Government launches Young Person's Guarantee to prevent a 'lost generation' after pandemic

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The Welsh Government says its plan to provide everyone under 25 with the offer of work, education, training, or self-employment through its new Young Person's Guarantee will help ensure there is no lost generation in Wales following the Covid pandemic.

Economy Minister, Vaughan Gething is today unveiling details of how the Welsh Government will develop the scheme that he says will deliver for young people in Wales.

The Minister is calling on businesses and public sector organisations to consider how they can play their part in supporting the Young Person's Guarantee.

Ministers will also look at ways to help young entrepreneurs to create their own businesses. This will include working with the business community to explore both employability opportunities and support for young entrepreneurs.

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. That's why our Programme for

Government commits us to delivering our Young Person's Guarantee – an ambitious programme that will aim to provide everyone under 25 in Wales with the offer of work, education, training, or self-employment.

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“The Young Person's Guarantee is at the core of our efforts to help young people get the best possible start in the world of work. We want to give young people the support they need for a brighter future when leaving school, college, university or even facing redundancy.

“We need to ensure young people have the skills and experience they need for the jobs of today and the future. This is a key element of our strategy to prevent youth unemployment and ensure young people are not held back nor left behind.”

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Working Wales will become the gateway into the Guarantee. They will also trial a new Job Matching service, to assist young people with securing employment and help employers to fill vacancies.

In addition, the dialogue and collaboration between the Welsh

Government, education, the training sector, employers and public authorities will be strengthened through the expansion of our Regional Skills Partnerships.

National and regional employment and skills providers across Wales will be invited to connect with Working Wales so projects can form part of the offer.

The Minister added: “Our young people hold the key to Wales’ future success. Their talents, skills and creativity are essential to ensuring our country’s economic success. As a nation, we are facing huge challenges – but I am determined we do all we can as a government to help deliver the long-term economic benefits our young people deserve.”

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