***Guidance information for referrers***

The Summer Jobs Programme is a six-week employment initiative for young people aged 16-20. It includes a paid preparation week, five weeks of paid work experience, support from youth workers throughout the placement, and evaluation activities.

The programme aims to combat the barriers that many young people face in gaining employment by fostering career development, personal growth, and positive engagement. It is specifically designed to reduce the risk of youth violence by providing structured opportunities that empower young people and build brighter futures.

You can see young people who took part last year talking about their experiences here:

* <https://youtu.be/Z8Zft3iChoc?si=PuwjRt2J12FKYLiD>
* <https://youtu.be/WufpDUH36bg?si=L4fLkT7TvzGh-f_j>
* <https://youtu.be/2knmyZWZNpI?si=0M_lg--rP_4b8Y4n>

The programme is part of [a study](https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/news/us-style-summer-jobs-programme-expands-across-england-and-wales/) funded by the Youth Endowment Fund, Youth Futures Foundation and DCMS, and delivered by UK Youth and Local Delivery Partners, and evaluated by IFF Research. The Summer Jobs Programme aims to build evidence on the best ways to support the most vulnerable young people in our country by keeping them safe and improving their future involvement in education, training, and employment.

Last year, the programme successfully engaged 500 young people, and this year the programme is expanding and running as a **Randomised Control Trial (RCT).** This means that young people will have a completely random 50% chance of being placed either in the intervention (Group 1) or the control group (Group 2).

* Group 1: This group of young people **will** receive a placement with Summer Jobs.
* Group 2: This group of young people **will** **not** receive a placement with Summer Jobs.

***Referrals***

Referrals to the programme will open from the **17th March – 17th May**. A form will be uploaded onto UK Youth’s website [here](https://www.ukyouth.org/what-we-do/our-programmes/summer-jobs-programme/) for you to complete. You **MUST** discuss the programme with a young person before referring them and ensure that they are happy to be referred. We will not accept batch referrals where young people are unaware of the programme.

If young people referred **are eligible** (please see below) they will be referred to a local delivery partner based on the area selected, who will then contact them to complete the registration process if there are spaces available. **Not everyone who is referred will be registered to the programme, so we recommend referring early.** You can see a list of the Local Delivery Partners on [UK Youth’s website](https://www.ukyouth.org/what-we-do/our-programmes/summer-jobs-programme/), alongside areas of delivery.

Thank you for your interest in the programme. If you have any questions then please don’t hesitate to reach out to us or the the Summer Jobs team at UK Youth at [summerjobs@ukyouth.org](mailto:summerjobs@ukyouth.org).

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you on the Summer Jobs Programme 2025.

***Eligibility Criteria***

