

THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAMME

Our Summer Jobs Programme is a six-week paid initiative taking place over this Summer, for young people aged 16-20.

The Summer Jobs 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.

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

The programme successfully engaged 500 young people in 2024, and this year the programme is expanding with the inclusion of a Randomised Control Trial (RCT).



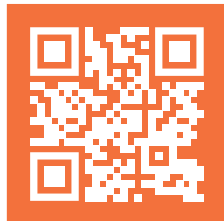
Where does the programme run?

North East	Middlesbrough and Stockton-on-Tees
Yorkshire and the Humber	Sheffield and Doncaster
Greater Manchester	All boroughs
West Midlands	Most areas are included
South Wales	Swansea, Newport and Cardiff
London	Several areas in London are included

For the full list of areas, please visit our website www.ukyouth.org



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What does this programme involve?

- A preparation week with your youth worker (participants are **PAID** for attendance)
- 5 weeks of paid work experience, 25 hours a week
- Contribute to an evaluation study
- A referrals does not guarantee a place on the programme

Who is eligible?

ESSENTIAL Young people must meet all of these criteria	AND one or more of the following criteria
Minimum age 16 (on 1st September 2025)	Are, or have been, in contact with Youth Offending Teams
Maximum age 20 (on 1st September 2025)	Have been arrested and released with no further action
Has the right to work in the UK	Have previously been in the secure estate (prisons, approved premises, bail accommodation and youth detention accommodation)
Able to take part in 25 hours of employment each week (with reasonable adjustments)	Are attending, or have attended, an alternative provision unit
Not currently employed for more than 15 hours per week	Have had at least two fixed-term exclusions
Available to participate in at least 5 of the 6 weeks of the programme	Have been permanently excluded
Must be able to attend the preparation week	Are, or have been, in care
Living in one of the areas that the programme is delivered in and not planning to move out of the area during the duration of the programme	Have been the victim of violence
Not living in the secure estate (at the start of the programme)	Have, or have had, a social worker
Proficiency in spoken English	Have a sibling or parent who have been involved in serious violence
Not currently charged with a serious offence	Are, or have been, persistently absent from school (less than 90% attendance)
Not studying towards a degree	Have been identified as at risk of criminal exploitation

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