

# Supporting young people into education, employment or training



**In the UK, almost one million young people, or one in six of our 16 to 24 year olds, are not in education, employment or training.**

Action for Children's education, employment and training services work with young people across the UK to increase their employability.

Our services include work tasters, work experience placements, employability skills workshops, job seeking workshops and volunteering for young people. We provide accreditation on the Qualification Credit Framework from the Foundation Learning Tier to Level 2.

The number of young people not in education, employment or training has risen by almost 2% year on year.<sup>2</sup>

Youth unemployment costs £3.4million per day in jobseekers allowance.<sup>1</sup>

## Impact

- ▶ 100% of our young people with our Calderdale Pathway Service have a Connexions Adviser and a plan to access education, employment or training.
- ▶ 71% of all 16 to 18 year olds engaged with the Corner House Service are in education, employment or training.
- ▶ 85% of young people engaged with our Exeter Family Intervention Service are linked into education and employment.



<sup>1</sup> RiP – One in Ten Key Messages, 2008

<sup>2</sup> [www.localgov.co.uk](http://www.localgov.co.uk) – NEET Statistics on the increase, 19 August 2009

*as long as it takes*

## How we help

All too often, disengagement from learning is not simply a temporary set back, and young people suffer long-term consequences such as unemployment, poverty, emotional ill health, homelessness and social isolation. These types of problems can be cyclical and can affect families across generations.

Our services recognise the important benefits for young people learning during their teenage years and the risks associated for those that are not in education, employment or training at this time. We also recognise that young people in care are at a higher risk than their peers.

We deliver high-quality services to achieve positive outcomes. Our core objective is to support young people into education, employment or training, enabling them to make a positive contribution to their communities and to achieve economic wellbeing.

### Youthbuild Scotland:

We have a 75% success rate in supporting young people to enter employment, including many who have experience of the criminal justice system.

### Barnsley Backup Service:

We support young people leaving care into suitable education, training, employment and accommodation. We are successful with 94% of our young people being in suitable accommodation and managing their lives, higher than both the national and regional rates (89% and 88% respectively).

### Action Training Service:

During 2007, we were successful in moving 62% of young people engaged with our service into education, employment and training, making a significant contribution to Norfolk's overall employment statistic. Norfolk's not in employment, education or training population stood at 5.2% in 2008, which is significantly lower than the national average rate of 6.9%.



## About Action for Children

Action for Children is a charity working with the UK's most vulnerable children and young people. We are committed to helping socially excluded children and young people in the UK break through injustice, deprivation and inequality, so they can achieve their full potential.

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