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We're thrilled to share the highlights of Youth Employment Week 2024!

Over the 5 day event, we came together to champion youth employment and empower young people to discover, build, and grow their futures.

With rising youth unemployment and young people sharing their anxieties about thier future, the call to action for all of us couldn't be clearer. That's why this year's Youth Employment Week campaign emphasised the importance of creating more opportunities for *all* young people.

It was great to see so many partners, Members, educators and friends getting involved and sharing their quality opportunities with young people across the UK.

Thank you to our sponsors and everyone who joined us this year. See you in 2025!

LJ Rawlings MBE DL
CEO of Youth Employment UK



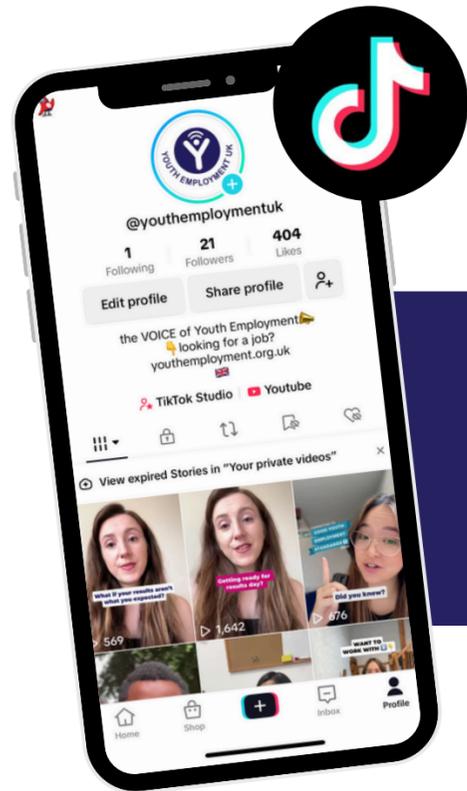
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OUR ACTIVITIES

During Youth Employment Week 2024, we:

- Held an event for our Members where we hosted talks with expert speakers, including Dean Giles from Haven, and launched the Good Youth Employment Benchmark pilot findings
- Attended a local school where our staff members took part in speed networking with Year 12 students
- Held an internal LinkedIn training session to help our team grow our personal brands and networking skills
- Celebrated the success stories of individuals in our team
- Launched on TikTok!



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Laura-Jane Rawlings MBE DL (She/Her) · 1st
National youth employment expert; passionate about community & opportunit...
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I cannot find a photo of me aged 16, when I started my first job as a retail assistant in a curtain shop (digital photos were not a thing then 😞)

But I went into the [Youth Employment UK](#) archives to find this photo, from a [Channel 4](#) Documentary I supported on the issues of youth unemployment. Because in 2012 it was a big issue that secured way more coverage than it does today, despite the pressing need.

Its been 12 long years trying to make a dent to youth unemployment, but the commitment has not wavered. And this year it was amazing to be recognised for that commitment and all our work over the years. Not bad for a girl who left school at 16 with a D in English and Maths GCSE!

Celebrate all that is good about youth employment with us today, as part of Youth Employment Week, you can join in with our then and now photos too - <https://lnkd.in/ceb6s3sT>

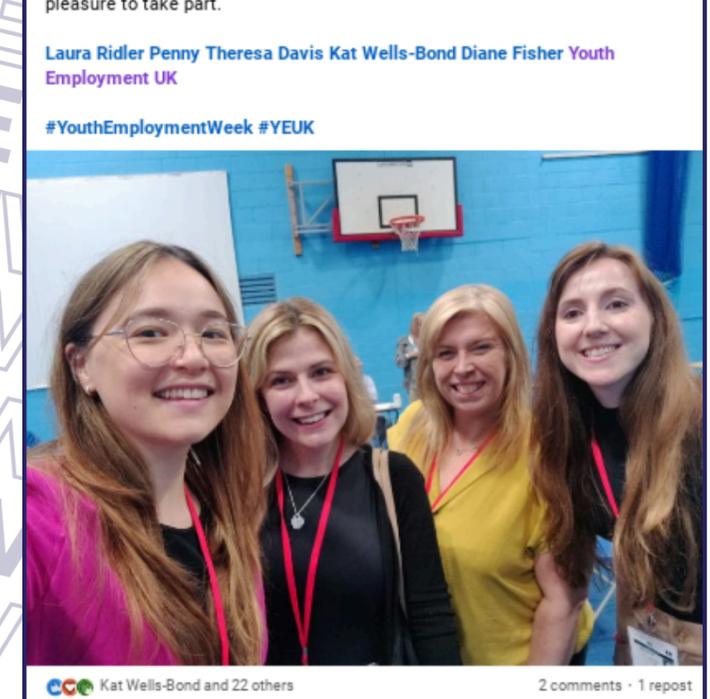


Sarah Latimer · 1st
Senior Youth Engagement and Careers Lead at Youth Employment UK
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Today is Day 4 of Youth Employment Week, and today's theme is "Employer". The team and I have had the pleasure of spending the morning volunteering at [The Duston School](#) in Northampton to take part in speed networking with their Y12 students.

An excellent experience for young people, as they told me they got to learn about very different career paths, post-16 options and job roles they'd never thought about before. These experiences are so important in letting young people explore and learn.

Thank you [The Duston School](#) for facilitating an excellent morning, it was a pleasure to take part.

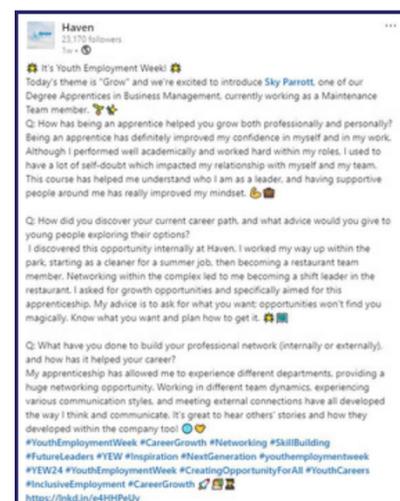


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“Using LinkedIn and Facebook Careers meant we were able to reach a wide audience. From young people, to relevant like-minded employers, as well as our own team members that may not already be aware of the work we are doing in this space.”



GOT UP TO IN THE WEEK +



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“During Youth Employment Week:

- Kim Taylor, Director of Brand, Partnerships and Communications, was delighted to attend the event on Monday 15th
- We launched our youth ambassadors network which is aimed at supporting our younger colleagues to grow and develop.

Our dedicated website landing page featured a range of new content which was all then highlighted across our social media, tying in with the themes for each day. This content included:

- Older colleague's letter of advice to their 16-year-old self
- Some fantastic stats about the internal progression and success of our young colleagues
- Internal case studies - young people developing skills
- External case studies - our young aspiration award winners
- Guest blogs from young people who have completed work experience placements with us
- Guest blogs from our youth ambassadors about their diverse education and career journeys to get to where they are.

We also partnered with Emmanuel College, a local institute, for their careers fair.”

Youth jobs week

YOUNG and out of work? Then take advantage of Youth Employment Week.

Run by not-for-profit social enterprise Youth Employment, there is a wealth of online support to help you grow your work skills and get connected with people who can support you through your next steps.

The organisation is also highlighting the benefits of

recruiting young people and helping firms connect with youngsters looking for a job.

A spokeswoman said: "Whether you want to launch your career or explore something new, there's an exciting opportunity waiting for you."

Find out more at youthemployment.org.uk/youth-employment-week.

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Celebrating Youth Employment Week 2024

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British Dressage is pleased to recognise Youth Employment Week (15 – 19 July 2024), celebrating early careers and the importance of hiring young people, providing opportunities for all.

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THE ROLE OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN SHAPING THE EQUESTRIAN INDUSTRY

Youth employment initiatives aren't just a footnote in the broader narrative of the equestrian world—they're a key chapter. With Youth Employment Week running from July 15-19, 2024, the spotlight is firmly on the next generation of equine professionals. These budding talents are the backbone of future growth, and a solid apprenticeship program is often their first step onto the career ladder.

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Youth Employment Week: helping young people build skills for the future



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To mark Youth Employment Week, one of our Future Voices Ambassadors, Saffron, reflects on her experience working for Argos and how her team's person-centred approach left a lasting impact

Finding a workplace that genuinely understands and supports your unique needs is really rare. Living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and having fluctuating physical health had historically made my education and employment journey very difficult, but my first full-time position, at a local Argos, was also my first really positive experience of work, and had a huge impact on me and my confidence to pursue university and a career.

Following my A levels I chose to take a gap year, due to my poor health, but also to reassess my future long-term goals and exactly what I wanted to do with my life. I had lost a lot of confidence because my disabilities meant I had been in and out of school and had to self-teach a lot, and I also struggled socially.

I didn't feel prepared for the world of work and was very unsure of myself and my abilities. I applied for numerous positions, and following an in-person, fairly informal group interview, I was offered a job at Argos as a customer assistant. Previously I had briefly worked over a Christmas period at a supermarket, where I had, much like at school, struggled socially, and felt very under pressure and uncomfortable.

UK YOUTH

'Exciting programme'

Ruth Price, MYA employment engagement manager, said: "Hatch has been an exciting programme to be involved with and compliments our own work on Talent Match and our MYA Youth Hub.

"We have seen our first job outcomes with KFC starting to materialise, and the added confidence it has given to Ryan and our young people has been amazing. It is a great initiative, and we hope it goes from strength to strength, and MYA become part of that growth."

This week is Youth Employment Week, an annual one-week celebration of early careers, joining young people, employers, educators, and organisations.

Recent figures show that from October-December 2023, there were 851,000 young people not in education, employment or training, a 2.5 per cent increase on the previous year, highlighting the need for youth employability programmes.

To help reduce the barriers young people face across the UK, KFC and UK Youth are urging the

ise. Knowledge hub Jobs Events Commercial opportunities

How Gen Z feel

Let's take a look at Gen Z in more detail. There's no shortage of research on Gen Z – particularly those leaving education post-Covid.

At the recent Open University Elevate Equity conference there were a number of speakers sharing stark data on the subject including the findings of the Youth Voice Census and the EY Foundation. These included:

- As young people get closer to working age their confidence decreases: those aged 19+ are less likely to feel confident that they have the right skills, relevant work experience, qualifications and network than their younger peers.
- A lack of work experience has, for the past six years, featured as one of young people's biggest barriers to work.
- Young people don't feel ready for work: only 23% of young people surveyed last year had ANY self-belief in their own skills (Youth Employment UK)

UCAS shared highlights from their newly released research at the ISE Apprenticeship Conference which showed:

NCFE

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NCFE launches Young Person Ambassador Programme as part of Youth Employment Week

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Severn Trent's commitment in helping shape young people's future

Tuesday 16th July 2024

Apprenticeships, internships, work experience placements, and discovery days and are just some of the ways Severn Trent encourages young people into the world of work – as the company highlights its opportunities as part of Youth Employment Week.

To go further though, and to do more to help young people across the Midlands, the company has also partnered with 17 schools across Birmingham, Derby and Coventry helping where it's reached over 5,000 young people.

The Midlands based company, has also over last year also hosted over 560 young people through work experience placements – giving them an immersive opportunity into the world of work across different teams and departments ranging from technical, to operational to office.

Over the last year, it made significant efforts to boost training, employability, and upskilling of people within our local schools, by offering free employability training, confidence building and mock interview sessions – all aimed to help break barriers and shape a young person's future.

Sevenoaks Youth Council

Sevenoaks Youth Council Work Experience Database for Local Young People

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As part of the National Youth Employment Week (<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/youth-employment-week/>) Sevenoaks Youth Council is proud to remind young people that it helps with this by providing a comprehensive database of local companies and organisations offering work experience opportunities, now available through the Youth Council website. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between young people seeking practical work experience and businesses in the community eager to nurture the next generation of talent.

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NCFE launches Young Person Ambassador Programme as part of Youth Employment Week

The awarding organisation NCFE has launched a new initiative to provide young people with the opportunity to shape the future of youth employment.

Aimed at its 16-30 workforce, it offers members the chance to collaborate with their peers and other organisations, share their own experiences, and come up with ideas and solutions to address the issues currently affecting them.

It is part of NCFE's role as headline sponsor of Youth Employment Week (15-19 July), an annual celebration of young people and employers created by the leading organisation working to change the landscape for young people, Youth Employment UK.

Sakina Khan, Co-Chair of NCFE's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) committee said:

"NCFE's Young Person Ambassador Programme is more than just a programme – it's a life-changing opportunity for young individuals to shape the future of youth employment.

"By coming together, sharing experiences, and brainstorming innovative solutions, we are not only creating opportunities for all, but also fostering a sense of inclusivity at every level. Together, let's empower and inspire the next generation to break barriers, follow their dreams, and make a difference in the world."

Youth Employment Week aims to help young people discover careers and pathways to suit their strengths, build their skills and boost their confidence and grow their knowledge and explore lifelong learning to progress their careers. This year's theme – Creating Opportunity for All – puts a focus on inclusivity at every level.

THE YORKSHIRE POST

Local businesses have united to offer Huddersfield school students an extraordinary work experience week.

During this week's Youth Employment Week, which celebrates early careers

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This year, Youth Employment Week received varied press coverage from news outlets and organisations across the UK. We're delighted to see the impact and reach this event has had.



