

Connecting Futures: Supporting marginalised young people into good jobs

AGENDA *(correct as of 20 July, but may be subject to last-minute changes)*

1:30pm **Arrival and registration**

ROOM: Explore

2:00pm **Welcome and introduction**

Sir Tony Hawkhead CBE, Interim Chair, Youth Futures Foundation
Yemi Adeola, Young Member of Youth Futures Foundation Grants Committee

2:10pm **Keynote: How good jobs are key to young people's position in society**

Alison McGovern MP, Shadow Minister for Employment

2:25pm **Youth unemployment post-pandemic: what's the current situation and what are the challenges and opportunities?**

Chair: **Dame Julia Cleverdon DCVO CBE**, Non-Executive Director, Youth Futures Foundation

Saeed Atcha MBE DL, Chief Executive, Youth Leads UK

Marcellus Baz BEM, CEO of grantee Switch Up

Adam Hawksbee, Deputy Director and Head of Levelling Up, Onward

Dina Potter, Vice-President Social Impact, National Grid

Peter Cheese, CEO, CIPD

3:15pm **Break**

3:30pm **Breakout session**

Breakout 1 ROOM: Explore

What are the challenges and opportunities of place-based approaches to youth unemployment and how might levelling-up policies and funds address these?

Sarah Smith, Programmes Director, Blackpool, Right to Succeed

Gill Bainbridge, Chief Executive, Merseyside Youth Association

Henry Foulkes, Local Labour Market and Policy Researcher, ERSA

Anna Round, Head of Research & Impact, Youth Futures Foundation

Plamena Marinova, Future Voices Group member – a young person's perspective

Facilitator: **Dan Jones**, Connected Futures Lead, Youth Futures Foundation



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(Breakouts continued)

Breakout 2 ROOM: Discover

The growing crisis of poor mental health and the rise of youth unemployment and inactivity

Hannah Slaughter, Senior Economist, Resolution Foundation

Yvonne MacNamara, Chief Executive Officer, The Traveller Movement

Louise Chandler, Future Voices Group member – a young person's perspective

Cindy Boa, Future Voices Group member – a young person's perspective

Facilitator: **Chris Goulden**, Director of Impact and Evidence, Youth Futures Foundation

Breakout 3 ROOM: Think

Getting under the skin of the vacancies issue: why does it exist, what can we do about it and how can we prevent it happening in the future?

Susan Mackay, Director of the Policy and Evaluation Unit, Public Affairs, IPSOS Mori

Madeleine Thornton, Project Manager, IPSOS Mori

Annie Bockock, FVG member – a young person's perspective

Nyasha Duri, FVG member – a young person's perspective

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ROOM: Explore

4:30pm

Feeding back and looking forward

Dan Jones, Connected Futures Lead, Youth Futures Foundation

Lekan Ojumu, Head of Grants, Youth Futures Foundation

Harriet McCann, Interim Director of Engagement, Youth Futures Foundation

ROOM: Atrium & Terrace

5:00pm

Drinks reception

6:30pm

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