



Young Person Eligibility Criteria

To apply for this programme, you must have experience of working with young people who would meet the following eligibility criteria. Young people who do not meet the criteria will not be eligible to participate, even where it is felt the programme might benefit them.

ESSENTIAL - Young people must meet ALL of these criteria:

- ✓ Minimum age 16 (on or before 22nd May 2026)
- ✓ Maximum age 20 (on or before 22nd May 2026)
- ✓ Has the right to work in the UK and can provide documentation
- ✓ Able to take part in 25 hours of employment each week (with reasonable adjustments)
- ✓ Not currently employed for more than 15 hours per week
- ✓ Available to participate in at least 5 of the 6 weeks of the programme
- ✓ Must be able to attend the preparation week
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Not living in the secure estate (at the start of the programme)
- ✓ Proficiency in spoken English
- ✓ Not currently charged with a serious offence
- ✓ Not studying towards a degree

AND -

one or more of the following criteria:

- Are, or have been, in contact with Youth Offending Teams
- Have been arrested and released with no further action
- Have previously been in the secure estate (prisons, approved premises, bail accommodation and youth detention accommodation)
- Are attending, or have attended, an alternative provision unit
- Have had at least two fixed- term exclusions
- Have been permanently excluded
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have been the victim of violence
- Have, or have had, a social worker
- Have a sibling or parent who have been involved in serious violence
- Are, or have been, persistently absent from school (less than 90% attendance)*
- Have been identified as at risk of criminal exploitation**

*Only to be used by external referral agencies¹

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¹ **External Referral Agencies** are any organisations that have a direct relationship with the young person and are not a Summer Jobs 2026 Delivery Partner with UK Youth. For example; social care, health, youth justice, schools, police, etc.