

# Children's Partnership Board

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# Social Justice – Transforming lives

Providing support to the most disadvantaged in order to help them turn their lives around

## Families and Children

- Recognising the importance of family in providing the foundation of every child's life.

## Working Age

- Encouraging work and making work pay. Promoting high levels of employment by helping people, including the disadvantaged, into work and to stay in work by making it pay.

## Disability and Ill Health

- Enabling work, independence and wider participation in society

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## DWP Priorities

- Deliver welfare reform
  - Introduce the Universal Credit & other reforms to simplify the welfare system.
- Get Britain working
  - Implement and manage an integrated package of personalised support to get people into work
- Help tackle the causes of Poverty & improve social justice
  - Develop a welfare system that recognises work as the primary route out of poverty & reduces the number of children in workless households.
- Focus on generational worklessness and family unit.

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## Our Aims

Our aim working in partnership with other stakeholders will:-

- Create more employment opportunities by helping employers to connect with young people and ensuring they are aware of the benefits of employing young people & the support available
- Prepare Young People for work by offering advice and guidance; promote quality work experience opportunities to unemployed young people; run careers fairs and events specifically aimed at young people and parents.
- Improving transition pathways into work by bringing coherence to the various activities that can contribute to a “route into work” therefore opening up more opportunities for all
- Promote flexibility so local services are tailored to local needs
- Harness and maximise expertise of organisations

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# Youth Unemployment

- Local solutions are required to address:-
  - Increasing employer engagement with young people
  - Raising skill levels
  - Matching supply with demand
  - Increasing availability of work experience opportunities & placements
  - Addressing inequalities in access to learning to work opportunities
  - Making young people more work ready – “employability skills”
  - Planning for future growth
  - Creating local measures that can focus efforts on making a difference to the challenge of Youth Employment

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## Ongoing Partnership Activities

- Jobcentre Plus Advisers deliver outreach services at number of Children's Centres
- Working with Nottingham Futures in the implementation of "Working for Youth – Work for Life" product. Current labour market information to be shared with local schools
- Part of the Priority Families Programme led by the Department for Communities and Local Government. These families are characterised by there being no adult in the family working, children not being in school and family members being involved in crime & anti-social behaviour.

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## In addition at local level

- Water Court Academy which provides a “sector specific” centre of excellence to support 16-24 year olds into work, education or training. The Academy works collaboratively with key partner organisations and employers, providing a unique venue which provides young people with individual, flexible and tailored support
- Working with Nottingham City Council to develop a co-located Integrated Employer Hub that will provide a single route way into a tailored recruitment support service for local employers and promote recruitment and training packages to tackle worklessness and youth unemployment
- Part of the Nottingham Ending Gang & Youth Violence Programme developing an Exit routeway for those individuals who wish to exit Gang culture
- Working with “Recovery in Nottingham” in promoting services available and are referral partners, encouraging our customers to address substance problems including alcohol

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# Questions?

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