

This Council believes investment in young people should be a national and local government priority.

Council applauds the work of schools and colleges in driving up exam results and of Connexion workers in reducing the number of young people classed as NEET locally despite youth unemployment growing nationally.

However Council regrets decisions by Government to abolish the Education Maintenance Allowance; the Future Jobs Fund; funded work experience placements and capital projects delivering apprenticeships and jobs ~~from~~ <sup>for</sup> young people.

Council nevertheless is committed to reducing youth unemployment by:

- A) maximising investment in the city and in jobs for local people;
- B) continuing to improve the achievement levels of young people;
- C) ensuring that all institutions within Nottingham effectively prepare young people for progression in work, equipping them with appropriate skills for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janine', written over the word 'name' which is also written in a cursive script.

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