

Young people need help on jobs

OF course young people need real jobs with real pay. We see a wide range of young people on our Move Forward with Confidence courses, helping them with self-belief, staying calm and focused. And boy, do they need that help! The process of getting a job is often frustrating and disheartening even for the most resourceful and resilient.

As well as creating jobs, other steps can be taken immediately. Outlawing unpaid internships would be a good start. Also, let's ban such misleading behaviour as call centres hiding what they are and advertising "media opportunities" for creative arts graduates. Legislate to force employers to think about the human being at the end of the online job application procedure where two days spent filling in an application form can be met by an automated rejection.

Talking to young people who have jobs, we have discovered bad treatment and bullying that exploits fears of losing their hard-won job, too. Let's find the political will to help our beleaguered young people now.

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