



Dear potential Prime Minister,

Speaking with young people from across the country it is clear what they expect from a future Prime Minister. The young people we work with identified the following qualities as essential for a Youth Friendly Prime Minister:

- Empathy
- Respect
- Honesty
- Accountability
- Genuineness

Young people call for a future Prime Minister to actively listen and empathise with their experiences, to respect their views and show an understanding of the challenges they face and a Prime Minister who shows an honest, genuine interest and care in their future.

All young people fulfilling their potential

Whilst the unemployment rate for 16-24 year olds is below pre-pandemic levels, it remains the case that young people are still three times more likely to be unemployed than older people. Coupled with this, young people are feeling increasingly disconnected with their local areas, education, employment opportunities and politics too. Now is not the time for complacency if we are committed to all young people fulfilling their potential.

Given the uncertainties caused by covid-19 and disruption to education, training and employment faced by young people over the past two years and the current cost of living crisis it is vital that the future of young people is a priority for any future government and future Prime Minister.

We invite you to sign the “Youth Friendly Prime Minister Charter”. The principles of Creating Opportunities, Recognising talent, Fair Employment, Developing People and Youth Voice were created by young people, for young people.

Sign and to show your commitment to supporting all young people to fulfil their potential.

Youth Employment UK

Youth Friendly Prime Minister Charter

As a candidate to the next Prime Minister I will be working towards fulfilling the following principles:

Creating Opportunities

- I will provide a 'Young Person's Guarantee' to ensure that all young people have access to quality employment, education or training.
- I will ensure that the skills taught in schools, further education and higher education prepares young people for the demands and future demands of the labour market.
- I will promote high-quality careers education in schools and ensure that all school leavers have the skills, confidence and knowledge to find employment.

Recognising Talent

- I will recognise the talent and resilience of young people as an asset to the labour market.
- I will ensure that all young people, regardless of their background, are given the opportunity to reach their full potential through education, employment and training.

Fair Employment

- I will ensure that young people are treated fairly in the work they do.
- I will provide guidance to employers on how to be a youth friendly employer and recognise the Good Youth Employment Charter as best practice.
- I will work with industry and business leaders to create roles and opportunities that meet the diverse needs of young people.

Developing People

- I will support quality learning and development opportunities for all young people, advocating education and training pathways that meet the needs and aspirations of the individual.
- I will ensure that young people are given opportunities to be active, contributing citizens to society.
- I will ensure that young people leave education with relevant, up to date skills and confidence in financial and digital literacy.

Youth Voice

- I will listen to and respond to young people's views and experiences from all backgrounds.
- I will empower young people to make meaningful contributions to policy areas that affect them directly

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