

# All-Party Parliamentary Group for Youth Employment



## How is mental health affecting young people accessing the labour market and quality work?

Deadline for submissions – 5pm on 9th December 2022

*Please note submissions may be rejected if they do not meet the guidance set out below.*

### Focus of the inquiry

The APPG for Youth Employment is delighted to launch its next inquiry as it aims to better understand the impact of mental health on young people accessing the labour market and quality work. The 2022 Youth Voice Census revealed that young people now believe their mental health is one of their biggest barriers to employment and Youth Employment UK called the findings a Mental Health Emergency. Other leading organisations including the Resolution Foundation and The Prince's Trust have cited that mental health is having an impact across the youth labour market and economic inactivity.

For this inquiry the APPG for Youth Employment will explore the following key question - ***How is mental health affecting young people accessing the labour market and quality work?***

Expert speakers have been invited to give evidence at two parliamentary sessions and external organisations can now submit their own evidence based on the following inquiry questions:

1. What impact is mental ill-health having on young people when transitioning into education, employment or training? Are there any differences for young people with protected characteristics?
2. What support is available to young people with mental ill-health who are currently in education, training or employment? How effective is this support? (which groups does this work for)
3. What additional support could be offered to young people with mental ill-health to get them into work, education or training?
  - a) Examples of evidence and best practice
  - b) What recommendations would you put forward?
4. What are the likely impacts on youth employment should these proposed recommendations take place?



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- a) Are there specific short term implications?
- b) What are the long-term implications?

Submissions should be emailed to [joshua@youthemployment.org.uk](mailto:joshua@youthemployment.org.uk) by the 9th December 2022, no later than 5pm.

## Meeting Dates 2022/23

25th October -external organisations will be invited to give evidence

29th November -external organisations will be invited to give evidence

24th January -a Minister will be invited to give evidence and receive a copy of the Inquiry Report.

**PLEASE NOTE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT UK WILL RETURN ANY SUBMISSIONS THAT DO NOT ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR SUBMITTING EVIDENCE.**

## Guidance on giving evidence to an All-Party Parliamentary Group

If you have difficulty making a submission by email, wish to submit evidence in an alternative format such as an audio file, or would like to make a submission after the formal deadline for evidence, please contact the secretariat for the APPG for Youth Employment.

## Guidelines

To successfully make a submission documents need to:

- Be less than 25 MB in size
- Be in Word (**not PDF**)
- Contain as few logos or embedded pictures as possible
- Does not contain text boxes
- Contain no macros
- Comprise a single document. If there are any annexes or appendices, these should be included in the same document.

It also assists the APPG if those submitting evidence adhere to the following guidelines. Each submission should:

- State clearly who the submission is from, i.e. whether from yourself in a personal capacity or sent on behalf of an organisation, for example the

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submission could be headed 'Written evidence submitted by xxxxxx'

- Be concise – we recommend no more than 3,000 words in length, unless otherwise stated in the inquiry terms of reference
- Begin with an executive summary in bullet point form of the main points made in the submission
- Include a brief introduction about yourself/your organisation and your reason for submitting evidence
- Include any factual information you have to offer from which the APPG might be able to draw conclusions, or which could be put to other witnesses for their reactions
- Include any recommendations for action by the Government or others which you would like the APPG to consider.

## Notes on making a submission

Those making a submission to an APPG inquiry should note the following:

- The APPG will publish most of the written evidence they receive (where it will be accessible to search engines).
- If you do not wish your submission to be published, you must clearly say so and explain your reasons for not wishing its disclosure. The APPG will take this into account in deciding whether to publish. If you wish to include private or confidential information in your submission to the APPG, please contact the secretariat of the APPG to discuss this.
- An APPG is not obliged to accept your submission as evidence, nor to publish any or all of the submission even if it has been accepted as evidence. This may occur where a submission is very long or contains material to which it is inappropriate to give to parliamentary candidates
- Material already published elsewhere should not form the basis of a submission, but may be referred to within a submission, in which case it should be clearly referenced, preferably with a hyperlink.
- You should be careful not to comment on matters currently before a court of law, or matters in respect of which court proceedings are imminent. If you anticipate such issues arising, you should discuss with the secretariat of the APPG how this might affect your submission.
- Once submitted, no public use should be made of any submission prepared specifically for the APPG unless you have first obtained permission from the secretariat of the APPG. If you are given permission by the APPG to publish your evidence separately, you should be aware that you will be legally responsible for its content.



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