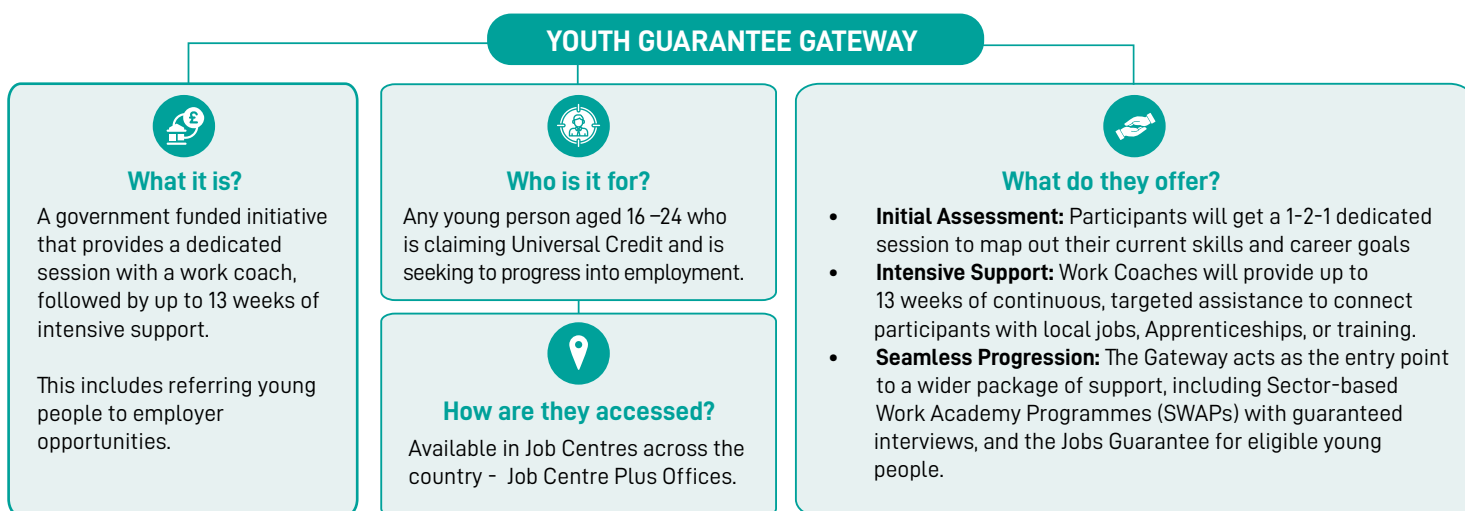


# Support for Young People in Devon & Cornwall 2026

The Government have pledged to support young people into work, or further training, via the **Youth Guarantee**. The initiative is aimed at those aged 16 – 24, who are not in employment, education, or training (NEET), and forms part of the focus to ensure young people can access further learning, help to get a job or an Apprenticeship.

The **Youth Guarantee** brings together new and existing support to ensure all young people aged 16 to 24 are earning and learning.

## Key Components of the Guarantee



## GUARANTEED EDUCATION PLACE

Also known as the September Guarantee, this is a national initiative requiring local authorities to ensure that every young person aged 16 and 17 completing compulsory education receives a suitable offer of post-16 education or training. This will automatically allocate a local college or further education provider place to any 16 & 17 year-olds who leave school without a post-16 study plan. For more information contact your local authority.



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## WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING



### What is it?

Up to 300,000 sector-specific training and work placement spots will be available, particularly in high-need industries like construction, health, and hospitality. This element is seen as a critical part in building up the skills & confidence of young people.



### Who is it for?

Young people aged 18 – 24 years old to give them hands-on experience, enable them to build skills and progress into work.



### What does it offer?

- Development of job-ready skills
- Gain recognised qualifications
- Prepare for specific roles or sectors
- Helps to build confidence



### How are they accessed?

Via local Job Centres & Youth Hubs.

## JOBS GUARANTEE



### What is it?

A government initiative that provides six months of fully subsidised paid work and wraparound training for young people who have been struggling with long-term unemployment.



### Who is it for?

Targeted at young people aged 18 to 24 who have been on Universal Credit and searching for work for 18 months or more.



### What does it offer?

Participants are guaranteed 25 hours of work per week at the relevant National Minimum Wage, with the government covering 100% of employment costs.



### What else?

Alongside a job, participants receive tailored employability and skills training to help them transition into permanent, sustained careers.

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## FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS



### What are they

Foundation Apprenticeships are entry-level, employed roles that offer a blend of practical workplace experience & focused off-the-job training. Currently available in these key sectors::

- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Digital & IT
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Social Care
- Retail Service, Supply & Administration



### Who are they for?

Available to 16-21 year olds or those up to 24 years if they have an EHCP, are a care leaver, or have been in prison.

Once completed the young person could:

- Progress onto another Apprenticeship
- Go straight into employment
- Choose to do further study



### What do they offer?

- Paid a salary
- Contract of employment
- 80% workplace, 20% classroom
- 8 months duration minimum
- Practical experience
- Explore career options
- Options to progress
- Gain digital skills

## APPRENTICESHIPS



### What are they?

Apprenticeships are an exciting paid option for anyone wanting to gain experience, upskill or change career because they offer the chance to earn a wage whilst they work and study.



### What do they offer?

- A paid job
- Contract of employment
- 80% work 20% study
- Typically 1-4 years duration
- Level 2 through to degree level
- Earn while you learn
- 600 Apprenticeship routes
- UCAS points can be gained on completion of some L3 or L4 Apprenticeships.

**NEW**

## INTERACTIVE VACANCIES MAP



Our new interactive **Apprenticeship vacancies map** for Devon and Cornwall is designed to help young people quickly and easily explore real opportunities across the region.

The map shows **live Apprenticeship vacancies** in a clear, visual way. Each pin opens up key details about the role — what they will be doing, the **salary**, the **skills they will gain** as well as information about the **employer**.

You can see exactly where the job is based and can apply directly through the employer's website or via the **Find an Apprenticeship** site.

Give it a try, [click here](https://trainingprovider.com/apprenticeship-vacancies/) or scan the QR code

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