

Inquiry into Assisting Young People into Work

Further Information – National Training Federation of Wales

On the devolution of Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) programmes to Wales, we discussed the issue of duplication between ‘backbone programmes’ such as Traineeships and Apprenticeships, and other ESF/Welsh Government funded programmes which are in essence trying to target the same individuals, and the obvious effect this has on young people when they are trying to navigate the best route for them. However, we are also very aware that there are a whole range of programmes commissioned and delivered by DWP (predominately developed by UK Government) which also adds an additional layer of duplicity, particularly for those individuals aged 18 and over. NTfW would urge the Committee to make further investigations into this area, with a view to making a recommendation to the Welsh Government that they should call for the continued devolution of DWP ‘skills’ programmes to Wales. For context, this is happening on a very small scale, where DfES, JCP and WBL Providers are exploring the issues of ‘skills conditionality’ within the Work Ready Programme (a WG programme aimed at unemployed individuals) but much more can be done, and at a much quicker pace. NTfW strongly feels that having one coherent ‘skills offer’ for any individual looking to enter the workforce, regardless of point of entry and identified need, would go a long way to assisting young (and not so young) people into work.

Jeff Protheroe, NTfW, 13 November 2014

Information as Requested Relating to Skills Cymru 2014

Cardiff – 22 & 23 October 2014

Breakdown by day

3465 day one (schools/colleges and inc 386 individuals) / 402 evening

2812 day two (schools/colleges and inc 210 individuals)

Breakdown by category

5,057 Students

624 Teachers

402 Evening

596 Individuals

Total 6,679 Visitors

Llandudno – 9 October 2014

1,645 Students

224 Teachers

350 Evening

142 Individual Drop in Visitors (daytime)

Total 2,361 Visitors

TOTAL VISITORS FOR BOTH SHOWS 9,040

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