

**Press Statement**  
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**Clear focus from government needed to help young people who are NEET**

In response to the publication of the latest figures for young people who are not in education, employment or training, (NEET) published today by the Office of National Statistics, Jenny North, Director of Policy and Strategy, Impetus-PEF comments, “Last month, the Prime Minister affirmed his commitment to improving the life chances of disadvantaged young people, however today’s NEET figures reveal there are still 850,000 young people having their long term life chances diminished by being out of education or work. We need to see a clear focus from government on how they will help disadvantaged young people succeed in education and progress into sustained employment so they can fulfil their potential.”

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