

Press statement
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Impetus-PEF responds to State of the Nation 2016 report

In response to the Social Mobility Commission's State of the Nation report 2016
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/state-of-the-nation-2016>

Andy Ratcliffe, Chief Executive, Impetus-PEF said:

"This report hammers home what we already knew: for far too many children economic disadvantage in the family home leads to less success in school and a tougher transition into a job. And it shows that this poverty penalty hits GCSE results at 16 and continues to undermine young people's chances when they want to do an apprenticeship. When apprenticeships work they are an engine of social mobility but, when we see parts of the country where young people from poorer backgrounds are half as likely to get onto a higher level apprenticeship as their better-off peers, that engine has stalled.

"Justine Greening has said technical education must be given the focus it deserves and has committed to creating a gold standard in the sector. That's absolutely right, but for it to be a driver of social mobility we need to make sure that the gold standard is available to everyone."

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Impetus-PEF (Impetus – The Private Equity Foundation) transforms the lives of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds by ensuring they get the support they need to succeed in education and employment. It does this by partnering with the most promising charities and social enterprises which serve young people, providing them with a combination of long-term core funding and sustained management support. Impetus-PEF currently works with more than 20 charity partners, which in turn reach over 80,000 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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