



Youth Opportunities August 2009

Young New Zealanders are being particularly hard hit by this recession. National is determined to provide 16- to 24-year-olds with opportunities to help them get the work experience, training, and education they need to develop themselves, make the most of their future, and contribute to our communities.

UP TO	NEW OPPORTUNITIES	COST
4000	JOB OPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-month job placements for low-skilled young people in businesses (2009-2010) Developing work skills, fostering confidence and discipline, and providing references \$5000 total wage subsidy over 6 months paid to employers 	\$20m
3000	COMMUNITY MAX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jobs up to 6 months in community programmes + 1 supervisor per 4 jobs (2009-2010) Connecting young people to the positive work going on in our communities Minimum wage for 30 hrs a week and a training payment paid to community groups 	\$40.3m
500	NATIONAL CYCLEWAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jobs for young people on National Cycleway projects (2009-2010) Encouraging developers of cycleway projects to hire and train young people 	\$5.3m
600	INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New industry-specific job and training opportunities for young people Giving young people access to industry specific on-the-job training 	Existing Funding
4000	YOUTH GUARANTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2000 new places a year for 16- and 17-year-olds not engaged in school (2010-2011) Fees-free training in polytechs, wananga, or private training establishments Example: study an automotive course, work on cars, and complete literacy credits 	\$52.7m
To be Confirmed	SERVICE ACADEMIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra training places for Year 12 and 13 students for careers in the Defence Force Developing military-focused skills in school. Requirement for NCEA 1 Maths & English 	\$2.6m
2500	LIMITED SERVICE VOLUNTEERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1250 new places in 6-week military-style training programmes in 2010 and 2011 Instilling self-discipline, confidence, and motivation in 18- to 24-year-olds New programmes in Auckland and Lower North Island, similar to Burnham Camp 	\$19.1m
700	POLYTECH & TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE FUNDING BOOST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra study places in polytechs and technology institutes (2010) Government expects additional places targeted at under 24-year-olds in need 	\$8m
1600	SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New places in summer research scholarships for university students (2009/2010) \$4 million of matching funding from universities Work and Income boosting Student Job Search vacancies 	\$4m
16,900	Total New Opportunities	\$152m*

* Total new allocation is \$120 million over 2009, 2010, and 2011, from the between-Budget contingency. The Youth Opportunities Package will result in no extra Government debt. Remaining funding was appropriated in Budget 2009.

Tackling Youth Unemployment

18- to 24-year-olds are the fastest growing age group on the Unemployment Benefit.

They represent about a third of all those who receive it. Since June 2008, the number who want to work but can't get a job has more than quadrupled from 4000 to 17,000.

For people starting out in the workforce, a long period of unemployment can be really damaging.

So while unemployment remains high, it's critical that we provide young New Zealanders with opportunities to develop themselves. If we don't, we risk diminishing the potential of an entire generation. And that's something we will not accept.

That's why National has launched our Youth Opportunities Package.

This is a \$152 million set of initiatives designed to create opportunities for young people in work, education, and training, and to strengthen the ladder of opportunity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about the package visit www.beehive.govt.nz and click on the Youth Opportunities Package feature.

To learn more about work opportunities in the package: VISIT www.workandincome.govt.nz or PHONE 0800 559 009

To learn more about education opportunities: VISIT www.tec.govt.nz

How Business and Community Groups Can Help

JOB OPS

Wage Subsidy for Employers

We are inviting businesses to provide 4000 16- to 24-year-olds with a job for a minimum of 6 months. We will ask businesses to work with these young people to build work skills, foster confidence and, where appropriate, provide them with a reference.

You provide: A 6-months job placement

We provide: \$5000 wage subsidy over 6 months

COMMUNITY MAX

Support for Community Groups

We are inviting community organisations to come to the Government with local community projects that could create up to 3000 new jobs for young people. This is designed to get 16- to 24-year-olds meaningfully engaged in their communities and learning new skills.

You provide: A community job for up to 6 months.

We provide: Minimum wage for 30 hours a week, a training payment, and wages for 1 supervisor for every 4 young people.

CONTACT US

If your business or community organisation has a work opportunity for a young person that you think may qualify for funding under this package:

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