

A Guarantee In A World That Normally Has None

Finland has seen a rise in unemployment among young people. An estimated 40,000 youths nationwide currently neither work nor study or have other registered activity during the day. The Youth Guarantee aims to get more youths to study and into the labour market. The project works to prevent long-term unemployment and exclusion among young people.

The Youth Guarantee in Finland was introduced in 2013 and mainly works towards strengthening training capacity and education opportunities for teenagers and young adults. The emphasis is primarily on school/education, and secondly on work/activities. The Youth Guarantee is a collaboration among three Finnish ministries.

The various actors within the Youth Guarantee must listen to young people when implementing the guarantee. Young people's knowledge and skills increase with interest and meaningful responsibilities.

Paavo Arhinmäki, Minister for Culture and Sport

Four Goals

The Youth Guarantee is primarily aimed at young people who finish primary school. The goal is that everyone should pursue an education.

Secondly, the Youth Guarantee targets young adults with no upper secondary education. The aim of this part of the program is providing vocational training to 36,000 young adults during the period 2013-2016.

Thirdly, the Youth Guarantee features some work-related services geared towards those who want neither school nor education. These services take the form of assessment of employability, career training and wage subsidies to employers.

Fourthly, the Youth Guarantee targets young people who have extensive and complex problems. This part of the guarantee concerns increased emphasis on reaching out to youths and developing several activities, training opportunities, treatment and rehabilitation programs for young people who for various reasons are far from the mainstream labour market or school/education.