



## PRESS NOTICE

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### “HELP FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUNG PEOPLE – Budget News Welcomed”

*[Please see notes to Editors below]*

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Amongst the key points of Chancellor George Osborne's Budget on 23 March 2011, Careers England welcomes these:

#### **JOBS AND SKILLS**

- **40,000 new apprenticeships for young people out of work**
- **Funding for 100,000 work experience placements**

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*“In times of unprecedented unemployment amongst the under 25s, the additional opportunities which unemployed teenagers and young adults will be able to take is welcome news indeed”* says Careers England, the trade association for specialist employers in the careers advice and guidance industry in England.

*“We look forward to hearing more about how Ministers will ensure that all unemployed teenagers and young adults will receive the support they deserve and need to choose and access the most appropriate options from these new most welcome and needed opportunities”.*

*“To bring success for those seeking work and training, it will be essential that careers advice and guidance is built into these plans as an essential pre requisite prior to entry, accessible during learning or training and on completion at transition to their next moves towards successful gainful employment.”*

*“In respect of the new work experience provision, the need for everyone participating to be able to review outcomes from those experiences and to consider - with an independent expert careers professional - next moves, choices and plans must be assured to all who seek to take up new opportunities”*

*“We know too that it will be important for Ministers to work with employer organisations so that employers can be incentivised to recruit apprentices, and to offer work experience placements. The lack of employer involvement in opportunities for the unemployed has beleaguered too many government initiatives in recent times”*



*“Careers England’s member companies employ professional careers advisers working in NEXT STEP Careers Services, in careers provision in Connexions (as much as survives the current cuts by too many Local Authorities without intervention by Ministers) and in other Skills Funding Agency/European Social Fund/DWP funded careers provision. Our teams will be ready to play their distinctive part in making a success of the Chancellor’s announcements.”*

*“We trust additional funding will be available so that our members (and other quality assured professionals in the careers sector in England) will be able to have the resource capacity to fulfil this essential work to get unemployed 16-25s in particular into the meaningful learning, and future work, essential for their personal success. Their futures will affect the economic recovery, and social health, of the country.”*

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. Careers England is the Trade Association for employers in the careers advice and guidance industry in England.
2. It has already offered a supportive welcome to the proposal to establish an all age Careers Service (aaCS), but the cuts by many Local Authorities to careers support for young people risks undermining those plans. Whilst the BUDGET announcements to support the new opportunities in work experience and apprenticeship training are welcomed, these must include access to expert professional careers advice and guidance so that all unemployed teenagers and young adults are helped to make best use of the opportunities available.