

Careers Service in UK Education: Getting Worse!

Between November 2018 and March 2019, Epcot Career Solutions and over 110 graduates throughout the UK, conducted an extensive face to face survey, of the Career Service 3,118 students, graduates, parents and youth gang members, received in UK education:

- 73% of students in state schools, were dissatisfied / extremely dissatisfied with the careers service provided in their school
- 83% of students in state schools, wanted their careers service to provide more 1-2-1- CV skills guidance (an increase of 23% on the independent study presented by the Careers and Enterprise Company in 2017)
- 87% of students in state schools, did not know how their CV would change structure and content as they progressed in their education and career, which may explain why many jobseekers on benefit, incorrectly state their education before their career history, even though they have a good career history
- 64% of students in state schools, wanted their careers service to provide more 1-2-1- interview skills guidance (an increase of 4% on the independent study presented by the Careers and Enterprise Company in 2017)
- Less than 2% of students in private education were dissatisfied / extremely dissatisfied with the careers service provided in their school
- 67% of graduates wanted more 1-2-1 CV guidance from their careers department
- 56% of graduates wanted more 1-2-1 interview skills guidance from their careers department
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- 46% of parents of children in state education, have never seen their child's CV
 - Of these, 73% had no idea how they could help their child with their CV
- 47% of students in state education, are willing to pay £40 for a 1 hour 1-2-1- CV service with a Career's Advisor / PSHE teacher, creating a professional quality, customised CV, as well as being shown, how they will customise their CV for every employment application, and understand how their CV will change structure and content, as they progress in their education and career
- 61% of parents of students in state schools, would be interested / committed to pay for their child to receive professional 1-2-1 CV guidance at a cost of £40
- 43% of graduates are willing to pay £15 for a 30 minute 1-2-1- CV service from another graduate, who would create a professional quality base-line graduate CV, as well as be shown how they will customise their CV for every employment application, and understand how their CV will change structure and content, as they progress in their career
 - Of these, 65% said they would pay an additional £15 to have their base-line graduate CV, customised for them
- 47% of gang members aged 16-24 said they never had a CV and a further 34% said they had a CV with no employment listed on their CV, even though they helped out with school / community fund raising activities, voluntary / work experience or 'cash jobs'
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 - 38% of gang members aged 16-24 said they would rather be working then commit crime to earn cash

Commenting on the company's extensive survey of the Careers Service provided in educational establishments in the UK, Epcot Career Solutions, Chief Executive Officer, Charanjit Randhawa said:

At the Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) conference in 2017, an independent survey was presented, which highlighted over 60% of students in UK education, wanted more CV and Interview skills guidance. We were subsequently kept being told by education ministers and the CEC, that the careers services in schools, was improving, however employers were telling us, it was not.

My team and I, are astonished by the findings of our extensive survey, which clearly demonstrate, education ministers and the Careers and Enterprise Company, are failing to deliver the quality of careers service that students and employers are requesting.

PSHE teachers, Career Advisors and Enterprise Advisors are telling us, they have limited understanding of the diversity of industries and career experiences being presented to them by students, therefore they need regular training and guidance or online resource like a professional CV Builder tool and professional online interview and career development videos, which will ensure every student in the UK, has a consistent base-line CV, which they will radically customise to highlight their achievements, experience, transferable skills, as well as to every employment application, and good interview skills.

I read with dismay on a daily basis, on the knife crime raging the UK, yet the UK government and the Careers and Enterprise Company cannot understand the fundamental link between poor careers service in education and the increase in youths being sucked into gangs.

Epcot Career Solutions will now deliver revolutionary, inspirational and honest careers services throughout the UK, via a combination of free professional online resources, funded by voluntary contributions and using the services of upto 5,000 graduates and PSHE teachers / Career Advisors, who want to make a substantial positive impact to students and jobseekers lives, by providing professional 1-2-1 career guidance sessions, initially focusing on CVs, from as little as £15.