



youthguarantee

**YOUTH GUARANTEE  
IS ON THE YOUNG  
PERSON'S SIDE!**

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## What is the youth guarantee?

- A broad model of action for young people, implemented together with young people and various organisations.
- Finland's youth guarantee serves as one example for the EU's recommendation of a youth guarantee for all member states.
- One of the key parts of the Government Programme of Prime Minister Jyrki Katainen's Government.



## What is the youth guarantee?

- The youth guarantee also includes an education guarantee and a skills programme for young adults
- There is no separate legislation on the youth guarantee: it is implemented through legislation that applies to various branches of administration.

## Youth guarantee:

- No matter what kind of help a young person seeks, he/she must be directed **specifically to the service most suitable to his/her situation** regardless of the administrative sector or where the assistance was sought.
- Developing low threshold services which are easily accessible by the young person.
- A diversified and multi-professional mode of action - service packages tailored for young people.

## Youth guarantee:

- Every young person under the age of 25, and every recently graduated person under the age of 30 is **offered a place for work, a work try-out, a study place, a place at a workshop, or rehabilitation placement** no later than three months after registering as unemployed.

## Education guarantee:

- Everyone leaving comprehensive school is **guaranteed a place to study** in an upper secondary or vocational school, in an apprenticeship, workshop, rehabilitation, or elsewhere.



## Young adults' skills programme:

- Young people aged 20-29 who have not completed any degrees after comprehensive school are **offered additional possibilities to complete initial vocational education.**



## Young people's workplace learning and apprenticeship reform

- For those under 25 whose education is limited to basic education.
- The goal is to increase apprenticeship training and to develop educational models that combine institutional and apprenticeship training.

## Why the youth guarantee?

### Because Finland has too many:

- unemployed people under the age of 30
- people completing basic education who are left without a study place in further education
- people under 30 with only a basic education
- people under 30 out of work with no place to study
- young people who go on disability pension because of mental health problems.

## Why the youth guarantee?

### Because:

- All young people and young adults need a good education with which they can get work and live independent lives.
- Every young person looking for direction has a right to get help.
- The annual costs to society of having young people outside work and education are EUR 300 million.
- Finland is growing older - every young person is needed as an active participant in society!



## Youth guarantee goals

- To reduce** youth unemployment and shorten the duration of periods of unemployment.
- To increase** knowledge and professional skills among young people.
- To prevent** marginalisation among young people.
- To encourage** participation of young people in society.
- To support** growth, independence, and life management among the young.
- To meet** demand on the labour market.

## Youth guarantee messages

- *To the young person:*  
**You can succeed! Find your path, be active, seek support!**
- *To employers:*  
**Offer work to young people. Give a young person the chance to succeed.**
- *To those working with young people:*  
**Encourage and stimulate young people. Engage in closer collaboration with others. Share information. Utilise good practices and pass them on.**

# Who implements the youth guarantee?

## YOUNG PEOPLE

### Local authorities

*Participants include.*

- Educational authorities
- Educational institutions
- Social and health care authorities
- Culture authorities
- Youth authorities
- Youth outreach work
- Workshops

### TE offices

*Participants include*

- Young people's TE services

Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Finance

Labour market organisations

### The Third Sector

*Participants include.*

- Organisations
- Communities
- Church parishes

### KELA

- Youth rehabilitation services

### Employers

- Public sector
- Private sector



## Results of the the youth guarantee

- Actions under the youth guarantee have increased awareness of the current state of young people and their need for services; it has also increased collaboration among different organisations.
- Young people think that the youth guarantee has helped clarify future plans and increased motivation to seek education and work.
- The monitoring process for statistics on young people is being improved and unified -> services can be planned to serve young people better than before.

## Development needs of the youth guarantee

- More practical information on services as well as personal counselling.
- For employers, more information on the possibilities offered by the youth guarantee.
- More social and health services, especially services related to substance abuse and mental health.
- New low-threshold services - a multiprofessional approach.

## Development needs of the youth guarantee

- Making data systems compatible, shared use of electronic information.
- Transfer and exchange of information on young people to the extent that current privacy legislation allows.
- Good practices move forward!
- New key indicators to ease follow-up.
- Developing multi-sectoral cooperation between authorities



## What can you do?

- **Learn about the youth guarantee**, its promises and its possibilities, e.g. wage subsidies (Sanssi card) and apprenticeship.
- Be open-minded and active: **offer a young person a chance, a job, or an apprenticeship.**
- Talk about the youth guarantee with your partners and clients. **Challenge them** to take part too.

## What can you do?

- **Increase cooperation and distribute information!**
- **Utilise existing good practices** and develop them as needed.
- **Spread the word** about the youth guarantee: tell about your own good experiences and practices.

## Working together brings results!

- Let's share responsibility for Finnish youth and a better tomorrow!
- Let's keep Finland a model country for the youth guarantee!
- The youth guarantee is on the side of young people!



## For more information and guidance:

→ [www.youthguarantee.fi](http://www.youthguarantee.fi)  
And from local organisations

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