

## The younger person's view on the NEETs debate

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In response to the NEET's report from Alan Milburn, to which I have already referred this morning, [here](#) and [here](#), I invited my son, James, who now works with me on research and content creation, to write a post on this issue from the perspective of a young person who has found employment, but still knows how difficult doing so really is.

His post can be [found on our Substack, here](#). The conclusion is:

*The social contract is broken. There is a generation of young people entering university who, by the time they graduate in three years' time, could find there are no jobs to be found, however hard they try.*

*This is not an individual problem. This is a systemic crisis that must be addressed. Right now, this country risks having an entire generation of ambitious and driven young people with nowhere to go, with no future and no prospects, while only the most fortunate, well-networked and driven will land anything post-university. This will be detrimental to both the economy and to our politics.*

*Let's not pretend that this country just has a NEETs problem, then. The issue is much bigger than that. Almost all young people are struggling, and the insecurity is disabling.*

*What young people need is hope and investment. They need to believe that there will be a brighter future tomorrow than there is today. We have seen what despair leads to. It leads to desperation, and that leads to the acceptance of political extremism. This is a crisis that must be met, face on. If not, the future of this country will become ever bleaker, and from where I stand, it does not look too good right now.*

That seems right to me.