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## School-to-work transitions: learning from local actions



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For too many young people, the school-to-work transition period is characterised by unemployment, informal work, temporary contracts or unpaid internships with few advancement opportunities. The COVID-19 pandemic, like the 2008 crisis, has made it even harder for young people to find an initial job or becoming victim to "last-in, first-out" practices. This can have scarring effects on youth, impacting their career prospects and earnings over the longer term.

While governments at all level are taking actions to smooth these transitions, particularly in light of COVID-19, it is at the local level where implementation is best understood, innovative new approaches can be tested before being scaled up and new challenges can be first identified. This webinar, organised in partnership between the OECD's Local Development Forum and the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), aims to connect local practitioners and policymakers to share learnings and best practices in improving school-to-work transitions for all youth.

### 15.00-15.10 Welcome

- **Anna Rubin**, Manager of the OECD Local Development Forum, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE)
- **Gunnar Anderzon**, Project Manager, SALAR

### 15.10-15.55 Deep dives on local experiences

Moderator: **Kristine Langenbacher**, Head of Unit, Employment and Skills, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities

- **Anna Liljeström**, School to Work Flagship, SALAR (Sweden)
- **Anna Ambrose**, Director, London Progression Collaboration (UK)
- **Zoe Fried**, Career Program Manager, Posse Foundation (US)
- **Vincenzo Porzio**, Communications manager, Cooperativa La Paranza - Catacombe di Napoli (Italy)
- **Brian O'Shea**, representative of OECD Youthwise advisory board (Ireland)

### 15.55-16.15 Reactions and Q&A

### Check out related work and initiatives

- [Local Strategies for Youth Employment \(Learning from practice\)](#)
- [Local Implementation of Youth Guarantees: Emerging Lessons from European Experiences](#)
- [Stand by Youth](#) (joint initiative led by the CFE to support businesses in helping youth through the COVID-19 crisis)
- [Youthwise](#) (OECD advisory group of people between 18 and 30 years old)
- [From City Halls to City Streets: How Local Leaders and Practitioners are Helping Young People in the COVID-19 Era](#) (joint OECD Local Development Forum – Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth event)
- [The Flagship project School to Work \(S2W\)](#) (transnational cooperation project coordinated by SALAR)

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The mission of the **Local Employment and Economic Development programme (LEED)** is to build vibrant communities with more and better quality jobs for all. Since 1982, the Programme has been supporting national and local governments through tailored reviews and capacity building activities, as well as research and good practice reports on innovative approaches to local development.

This event is part of the **OECD Local Development Forum** is a network of thousands of individuals worldwide, united by their shared commitment to making their communities more resilient, inclusive and sustainable. It counts members from over 70 countries, representing city, regional and national governments, employment and training agencies, chambers of commerce, social innovators, start-ups, businesses and NGOs. The Local Development Forum is a place for peer learning and dissemination of local innovations and best practices at the global level.

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