

OECD YOUTH WEEK 2021

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Investing in Youth – High-level Policy Dialogue on Employment and Social Policy for Young People

Tuesday 21st September 2021, 14:00 – 16:00 CEST

Young people have been hard hit by the wide reaching labour market and social impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. Youth unemployment has increased considerably and many young people are suffering from financial insecurity, housing instability and mental distress. The recent OECD Risks that Matter survey shows that two in three young people think the government should be doing more to support them.

This high-level policy dialogue session on employment and social policy will be opened by Deputy-Secretary General Ulrik Knudsen, followed by a discussion between Ministers and high-level government representatives on policy measures that countries have been taking during this crisis to support young people. Panellists will also discuss how countries are looking to continue, adapt, and potentially scale up their interventions to support the welfare and employment prospects of young people as we recover from the COVID-19 crisis.

VIRTUAL EVENT

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS **Ulrik Knudsen, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD**

PANEL EMPLOYMENT SESSION **Moderator: Mr. Stefano Scarpetta, Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD**
Mr. Stuart Robert, Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business, Australia
Mr. Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, European Commission
Ms. Renata Santander Ramirez, National Director of the National Youth Institute, Chile
Mrs. Elisabeth Verniers, DUO for a JOB, Belgium and France
Ms. Lauren Mistry, Youth Employment UK, United Kingdom

PANEL SOCIAL POLICY SESSION **Moderator: Ms. Monika Queisser, Head of Social Policy Division, OECD**
Ms. Hanna Sarkkinen, Minister of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
Mr. Gatis Eglītis, Minister for Welfare, Latvia
Mr. Robbie Stakelum, Youth Leader of the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless
Ms. Fouzy Mathey, Yes 4 Humanity