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POST-16 EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING: CONCLUDING DISCUSSION OBSERVATIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Councillor Debono:

From the many officers' reports who attended the Children's Scrutiny Committees, it is very apparent that once young people are recognised to be in need of support in finding employment or apprenticeships, they get a lot of backing. The officers we met are very caring and genuinely keen to support these young people. However, it appears that not enough young people are looking for such opportunities.

On the other hand, we heard from company managers who attended the scrutiny committees that they do have many job opportunities, but not enough young people to fill these places. These companies are very eager to find the right young people from Islington to fill in the many posts available. Somewhere there seems to be a link missing!

The Committee also heard, that the situation is opposite to that of Hackney. This local authority seem to have found the right way to advertise and ends up with many young people looking for jobs/apprenticeships, but not enough jobs available to satisfy their demand.

In summary:

- Would career officers in schools who usually support university higher education opportunities, be able to spend some time supporting job/apprenticeship opportunities as well. This may help to entice more young people into openings where an academic qualification is not needed.
- Look again at how Islington is advertising opportunities for apprenticeship programmes. Are such programmes being advertised in Community Centres, Youth places, schools etc.
- Would working in partnership with Hackney help solve Islington's problem in filling job/apprenticeship opportunities

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