




## SKILLS, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT - MAIN PARTY MANIFESTO COMMITMENTS

			
Further education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75 per cent of people to enter HE or complete advanced apprenticeship or technician-level training</li> <li>Colleges to be able to respond to local community needs</li> <li>New University Technical Colleges and Studio Schools to provide practical learning and paid work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further Education Funding Council to replace other FE funding quangos</li> <li>Colleges freed from direct state control</li> <li>Easier for colleges to accept overseas students</li> <li>Technical academies to be set up across England, starting in 12 cities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFA and HEFCE to be merged</li> <li>14-19 year olds to be able to go to college instead of school</li> <li>Will close the “unfair funding gap” between school sixth forms and colleges</li> </ul>
Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guaranteed education or training until 18, backed by law</li> <li>Entire qualifications system to be reviewed by 2015</li> <li>Local pupil premiums will provide schools with extra funding for deprived students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20,000 additional young apprenticeships</li> <li>A pupil premium will provide schools with extra funding for deprived students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrap compulsory 16-18 participation</li> <li>General Diploma to merge A-levels, GCSEs and vocational education</li> <li>Ofqual and QCDA to be merged</li> <li>A pupil premium will provide schools with extra funding for deprived students</li> </ul>
Apprenticeships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 70,000 more advanced apprenticeships per year</li> <li>Apprenticeship scholarships to help “best” apprentices into HE</li> <li>An apprenticeship place in 2013 for all suitably qualified 16-18-year-olds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>400,000 new work pairing, apprenticeship, college and training places over two years</li> <li>SMEs to be given a bonus for every apprentice they hire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully fund the off-the-job costs of adult apprenticeships for one year</li> <li>Government to pay Course fees for adults’ first Level 3 qualification</li> <li>New Farming Apprenticeship scheme</li> </ul>
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guaranteed work after two years of unemployment</li> <li>One million new skilled jobs by 2015</li> <li>Skills accounts for workers to upgrade skills</li> <li>Future jobs fund aimed at people unemployed for six months to support 200,000 jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personalised help for unemployed under-25 year olds and people with serious barriers to work</li> <li>50,000 new training places for unemployed people</li> <li>New all-age careers advice service</li> <li>RDAs replaced by business-led local enterprise partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work placement scheme to help up to 800,000 unemployed young people gain skills and work experience</li> <li>Train2Gain to be restricted to SMEs</li> <li>RDAs to focus solely on economic development</li> </ul>

## SKILLS, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT – NATIONALIST PARTY MANIFESTO COMMITMENTS



- Will oppose Foundation Schools ‘on principle’
- Will develop and enhance the Welsh Baccalaureate
- A review of the Welsh National Curriculum, to consider subjects and teaching methods
- Plan to create a National Citizenship Service for Wales, giving young people a chance to volunteer for a year before leaving school
- Support for Welsh-language teaching, including the creation of a Welsh-language Coleg Ffederal with independent funding and an independent student register
- Improve childcare to encourage more people into work
- Oppose privatisation of back-to-work schemes
- Establish an independent venture capital fund for Wales with the help of the Welsh Assembly government to help raise capital and deliver investment through a co-investment model, with approved private sector partners



- Will argue for Scotland to have greater responsibility for employment policy
- Improve coordination between Job Centres and skills agencies
- Increase low-carbon employment in Scotland by 60,000 by 2020, including 26,000 in renewable energy, 26,000 in emerging low-carbon technologies and 8,000 in environmental management
- Create an earned-citizenship model for independent Scottish immigration services