



I am writing to young people who have recently left the Youth Training Scheme. This is your opportunity to tell me what you thought of the scheme.

It would also be helpful to know what you have been doing since you left. If you have been unemployed or on another YTS scheme, we would still like to have your views.

Please answer the questions on the next few pages. They are easy to answer and will not take a long time.

I have asked Social and Community Planning Research, an independent research institute, to analyse for us the answers that you give. The enclosed envelope for the return of your questionnaire is therefore addressed to their offices at 57 Crown Street, Brentwood, Essex.

Please complete the questionnaire and send it back as soon as you can. You do not need a stamp. Just use the envelope provided.

Thank you very much for your help.

Remember your views are important.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K N Atkinson'.

K N ATKINSON
Director of Youth Training

YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME QUESTIONNAIRE

Most of the questions only need a tick in the right box, like this . At the end there's a section where you can write down your views on YTS.

1 What were your main reasons for joining YTS? . . . Tick one or more boxes:

		FOR OFFICE USE
You couldn't find a job	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	15
You wanted to be trained	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	16
You wanted some money	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	17
You liked the idea of the scheme	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	18
There was nothing else available	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	19
You thought it would help you to get a job	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	20
You thought it would help even if you didn't get a job	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	21
It was part of the job you started	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	22

2 Was there a scheme you particularly wanted to go on? YES 1 → Go to Question 3
NO 2 → Go to Question 4

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3 (a) What kind of scheme did you particularly want to go on?

Write in details:

(b) Was this the scheme you actually went on? YES 1 NO 2

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4 How useful to you were the different parts of your scheme? . . . Tick one box in each row:

	Very Useful	Fairly Useful	Not Very Useful	Not At All Useful	
(a) The time spent in training off-the-job (eg a college or training centre)?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	25
(b) The time spent working in a job?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	26
(c) The scheme as a whole?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	27

5 Did you get a YTS certificate when you left your scheme? YES 1 NO 2

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- 6 (a) Before your YTS scheme, how many of each of these qualifications did you have? . . .
Write in number:

	NUMBER BEFORE YTS	
CSE (except grade 1)	<input type="text"/>	29
CSE grade 1	<input type="text"/>	30
GCE 'O' levels — A, B, or C or SCE 'O' Grades A, B or C	<input type="text"/>	31
GCE 'O' levels — D or E or SCE 'O' Grades D or E	<input type="text"/>	32
RSA, Pitmans or LCC	<input type="text"/>	33
B/TEC	<input type="text"/>	34
City and Guilds	<input type="text"/>	35
Scottish national certificate action plan modules or SCOTVEC	<input type="text"/>	36
GCE 'A' levels or SCE Higher Grades	<input type="text"/>	37
Other . . . Write in number and details:	<input type="text"/>	38

- (b) During your YTS scheme, did you go in for any qualifications?

YES	<input type="text"/>	→ Go to (c)	39
NO	<input type="text"/>	→ Go to Question 7	

- (c) During and after YTS, how many of each of these qualifications did you get? . . .
Write in number:

	NUMBER DURING, OR AFTER YTS	
CSE (except grade 1)	<input type="text"/>	40
CSE grade 1	<input type="text"/>	41
GCE 'O' levels — A, B, or C or SCE 'O' Grades A, B or C	<input type="text"/>	42
GCE 'O' levels — D or E or SCE 'O' Grades D or E	<input type="text"/>	43
RSA, Pitmans or LCC	<input type="text"/>	44
B/TEC	<input type="text"/>	45
City and Guilds	<input type="text"/>	46
Scottish national certificate action plan modules or SCOTVEC	<input type="text"/>	47
GCE 'A' levels or SCE Higher Grades	<input type="text"/>	48
Other . . . Write in number and details:	<input type="text"/>	49

7 Did you leave the YTS scheme before you were due to finish? ... Tick one box:

- YES 1 → Go to Question 8
NO 2 → Go to Question 9

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8 What were your main reasons for leaving early? ... Tick one or more boxes:

- You had got a full-time job 1 51
You had got a part-time job 1 52
You joined another YTS scheme 1 53
You were ill 1 54
The YTS scheme was not providing the training you needed 1 55
You were not happy in the YTS scheme 1 56
You were not getting enough money 1 57
You were dismissed 1 58
For some other reason ... Tick and write in details: 1 59
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9 What did you do straight after leaving the YTS scheme? ... Tick one box:

(If more than one applies, tick the one which was your main activity.)

- Started a full-time job with the employer who ran the scheme or provided work experience for it 1 → Go to Question 11 60
Started a full-time job with a different employer or HM Forces 2 → Go to Question 10
Started a part-time job 3 → Go to Question 11
Became Unemployed 4 → Go to Question 11
Joined another YTS scheme 5 → Go to Question 11
Started a full-time course at college or training centre 6 → Go to Question 11
Something else ... Tick and write in details: 7 → Go to Question 11
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10 How did you find out about your new job? . . . Tick one box:

From the organiser of your YTS scheme

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From the local careers service

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From a member of staff at a Jobcentre

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From a notice in a Jobcentre

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From a newspaper advertisement

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From a friend or relative

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Other . . . Tick and write in details:

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11 What are you doing now? . . . Tick one box:
(If more than one applies, tick the one which is your main activity.)

In a full-time job with the same employer who ran the scheme or provided work experience for it

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Go to Question 13

In a full-time job with a different employer or HM Forces

 2

Go to Question 13

In a part-time job

 3

Go to Question 13

Unemployed

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Go to Question 12

On another YTS scheme

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Go to Question 16

On a full-time course at a college or training centre

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Go to Question 16

Doing something else . . . Tick and write in details:

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Go to Question 16

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12 If you answered 'unemployed' to question 11

(a) Are you waiting to start a job you have been offered?

YES
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NO
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(b) Are you waiting to start a full-time course at a college or training centre?

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Now go to Question 16

13 (a) If you are in a job, please write down in a few words what kind of work you do:

(b) Which one in the list below best describes your job? . . . Tick one box:

Administrative or clerical	<input type="checkbox"/>	01	Processing	<input type="checkbox"/>	07
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	02	Food preparation	<input type="checkbox"/>	08
Craft or design	<input type="checkbox"/>	03	Personal service or sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	09
Maintenance or repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	04	Community or health work	<input type="checkbox"/>	10
Technical or scientific	<input type="checkbox"/>	05	Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	11
Manufacturing or assembly	<input type="checkbox"/>	06	Other . . . Tick and write in details:	<input type="checkbox"/>	97

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(c) To the nearest pound, what is your weekly take home pay? £ _____ 00

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14 Do you get any training in your job, either at work or somewhere else? YES 1 → Go to Question 15
NO 2 → Go to Question 16

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15 (a) What kinds of training are you getting? . . . Tick one or more boxes:

Apprenticeship or trainee technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	71
Courses run by your employer	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	72
Courses run at college or outside training centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	73
Training from your supervisor or training officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	74
Any other training	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	75

(b) How long do you expect all your training to last? . . . Tick one box:

a day or two	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1-2 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	76
1-2 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	3-6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	
3-4 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	7-12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	
			a year or more	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	

16 Are you taking any courses at a college or training centre in your spare time?

	YES	NO	
— day part-time (including 15 or 21 hour courses)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	77
	YES	NO	
— evening part-time	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	78

17 Please tell us which of these groups you belong to:
(You don't have to answer this question. But it will help us to see how our equal opportunities policy is working if you do).

White	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	79
Black/African/Caribbean descent	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	
Indian Sub-Continent descent	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	
None of these	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	
I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	

18 Do you think that YTS does the following? . . . Tick one box in each row:

	YES	NOT SURE	NO	
(a) Helps people to find jobs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	80
(b) Is a useful way for young people to get training?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	81
(c) Is a good start to working life?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	82
(d) Gives useful guidance about applying for jobs and interviews?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	83
(e) Is a good start to adult life in general?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	84

	YES	NOT SURE	NO	
19 (a) On the whole, has your experience on YTS been useful to you since you left the scheme?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	85
(b) Was your YTS training a useful preparation for what you are doing now?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	86

20 Looking back on your time on YTS, did it help you:

	YES	NOT SURE	NO	
(a) to get on better with people?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	87
(b) to become more confident?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	88
(c) to understand more about what jobs are like?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	89

21 Would you like to write down your views on YTS?

What do you think of YTS?

What were the best and worst things about the scheme you went on?

Please tell us what you think. We'd like to know.

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THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP