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New internship scheme to be introduced

There was a report this weekend that a new internship scheme is to be introduced. Instead of receiving benefits, graduates who cannot get jobs on the open market will be offered work as interns in participating companies, with government picking up the bill.

Dr Harry Freedman, Career Expert and founder of Career Energy, said,

“The government’s new internship scheme is short termism at its best. It will save the government the cost of benefits for graduates who join the scheme, but it will pigeon graduates into jobs for which they are unlikely to be suitable, ruining their careers before they even get started.

We see people every day in their late twenties and early thirties whose career got off to a wrong start because they came out of university not knowing what to do. They didn’t receive proper career advice at university, they took the first job that came along and woke up four or five years later wondering how they had ended up doing a job they hated, and not knowing what to do about it. They become demotivated, don’t perform at their best, suffer personally, their employer does not get value and the economy is weakened.

The new internship scheme is not intended to address this problem. But unwittingly it is making things worse. It would be far better for government to say we will give you decent career advice (not the sort you get at university or the job centre) and support you until you get going in a career that is right for you, even if it takes a little longer due to the recession.”

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