## Press release: You're hired!

The Work and Pensions Secretary will today (Friday March 8) help to celebrate the opening of a new 'Youth Confident' workshop that will see young people matched with talent-hungry employers.

The Youth Confident Roadshow is helping people aged 16 to 24 overcome barriers that could be preventing them from finding work, such as a lack of confidence, health issues or limited work experience.

Work and Pensions Secretary Amber Rudd said:

Behind every employment number is a person and a family whose selfesteem, mental wellbeing, economic circumstances and life changes are all vastly improved by being in the workplace, and we're helping to create a better life for young people across the country.

I'm determined to ensure that there are no barriers to the young people of Hastings accessing the job market.

That's why it's so good to have such dedicated staff from Hastings Jobcentre at the fantastic event today

Helen James from Hastings Jobcentre said:

We're keen to take an innovative approach to helping young people into work. This event is the first of its kind, delivered outside of the Jobcentre, focusing solely on the region's young people.

The event is aimed at engaging young people in a more relaxed environment — live acoustic music will be performed by young local artists and there will be a draw featuring prizes donated by local businesses.

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