

# Young people from disadvantaged backgrounds continue to perform worse than their peers in school – Cat Smith

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**Smith MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Voter Engagement and Youth Affairs,** commenting on the ONS Young NEET figures out today, said:

“While it is welcome that the latest figures show a decline in the number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), this Tory Government continues to fail young people.

“There are still 826,000 young people who are NEETs. Young people from disadvantaged backgrounds continue to perform worse than their peers in school.

“Those who manage to find work are excluded from the national living wage and many are subjected to exploitative zero-hours contracts.

“Only Labour will prioritise young people's needs and address these failings.”