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January 19th 1982

Michael Scholar
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
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Dear Sir,

Communication Subsequent to Jobs for Youth Lobby,
30th November 1981

Thank you for sending me information about the Business Opportunities programme. I received the package today, directed to me by Mr. Collins, Chairperson of the British Youth Council. I also received a copy of your letter in which you indicated the Prime Minister's hope that this information and details of the Small Firms Service would "provide the positive hope" that I was seeking.

Unfortunately, it was my brother who tried to set up a small business. He found it impossible to establish a competitive level of production mainly due to difficulty in securing the initial basic investment necessary. He had already seen a similar folder to that which I received, but it did not help him to secure a loan without collateral or the crucial percentage contribution that he would be required to make.

However, I am optimistic in assuming that neither myself nor my brother need share the Prime Minister's reliance upon the specified schemes to "provide the positive hope" that we seek. My future and that of over three million other unemployed will be more particularly influenced for the better when we are able to find parliamentary representatives who fully understand the difficulties we face. In this respect please thank the Prime Minister for listening to our deputation even though subsequent developments in the area of Youth Employment have been disappointing.

My immediate future has probably been determined by the outcome of my appeal for a discretionary award to continue in higher education. My previous grant support was difficult to explain when questioned by the Prime Minister but given that she expressed an interest, the grounds for my appeal are enclosed. No doubt pressure on local government expenditure has not helped my fight to secure grant aid.

Yours faithfully,

M.J. Carr

M. J. CARR



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A belated thank-you
(I sent some material
to one of the unemployed)
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17th January 1982

Michael Scholar
Private Secretary
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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 23rd December 1981. I have forwarded the Business Opportunities Programme Folder to Mike Carr with a copy of your letter. I hope this will assist him to obtain employment.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Jobs for Youth Campaign, to thank the Prime Minister for the meeting she had with the delegates from the Jobs Express.. The meeting was interesting and informative and very much appreciated by the young people. Perhaps you would be so kind as to convey these wishes to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

John Collins

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

23 December 1981

Dear Mr Collins,

You will recall that at the Prime Minister's meeting with a delegation from the Jobs Express Lobby on 30 November, Mr. Mike Carr argued that both in Middlesbrough and Newcastle the Government's small business start-up scheme was little understood by banks and others to whom potential small businessmen turned for help. The Prime Minister undertook to look into the arrangements in these two places.

The Prime Minister wonders whether Mr. Carr might like to have the attached Business Opportunities Programme folder which contains information on a variety of matters of interest to small businessmen and those thinking of setting up in business. One of the leaflets describes the Department of Industry's Small Firms Service. Anyone considering starting up in business or with a business problem or plans to extend can contact the Service by dialling the Operator and asking for Freefone 2444. They can then arrange to discuss the matter with one of the Service's Counsellors, not a civil servant, but an experienced businessman who can give impartial advice on a wide range of subjects affecting small businesses.

The Prime Minister hopes that this will provide the positive hope Mr. Carr was seeking. I would be most grateful if you would pass on this information to Mr. Carr whose address is not known in this office.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Scholar

John Collins, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET


THE PRIME MINISTER

cc. DM HL.
17 December 1981

Dear Mr. Haskel

Thank you for your letter of 4 December about the Jobs Express and recent lobby of Parliament where concern was expressed about the current youth employment situation. You asked what the Government intends to do. First, we must be clear that the only way more jobs are going to be available for people of all ages is through economic recovery. Our policies are designed to achieve this by containing public spending, cutting inflation and creating a sound basis for growth. I believe we are now seeing the signs that economic conditions are improving, although I accept that the level of unemployment, including youth unemployment, is not likely to fall very quickly.

Accordingly, as you know, the Government has maintained and vastly expanded the special employment measures for young people so that they are better prepared for today's difficult employment conditions, and will be better able to take full advantage of the opportunities tomorrow will offer. Norman Tebbit announced in the House on Tuesday 15 December our plans to develop real training courses lasting a year for young entrants to work, that will effectively combine some work experience with very much more off-the-job learning than is presently provided in the Youth Opportunities Programme. Indeed, such a fundamental shift emphasis cannot be accomplished right away, so the present programme will be developed towards the new objectives in 1982/3 with the aim of introducing the new programme fully in 1983.

/ The details 

The details are given in the White Paper that Norman Tebbit has published, and I enclose a copy for your information. I think you will see how seriously the Government takes the present employment situation of young people, and how it is determined to invest considerable resources in helping them achieve a better start in working life.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Leslie Huckfield, Esq., M.P.

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15 December 1981

Dear Mike

... As requested in your note of 8 December to Richard Dykes I attach a draft for the Prime Minister in response to a letter from Leslie Huckfield MP about the JobExpress and lobby of Parliament on 30 November.

The draft has been cleared at Ministerial level.

*Yours
Marie Fahey*

MISS M C FAHEY
Private Secretary

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DRAFT REPLY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO THE LETTER OF
4 DECEMBER FROM LESLIE HUCKFIELD MP

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8 December 1981

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Leslie Huckfield, MP.

I should be grateful if you would let me have a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr. Huckfield, to reach me by Tuesday 15 December.

MAP

Richard Dykes, Esq.,
Department of Employment

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

8 December 1981

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 4 December.

I will place this before her at once and you will be sent a reply as soon as possible.

MAP

Leslie Huckfield, Esq., M.P.

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Mr Scholten

You may wish to
see Mrs. NFA, 10min.

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Agree - Monday

With the compliments of the Right Honourable the Chairman

Mrs 7/12

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JOBS FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

A Campaign initiated by:
Afro-Caribbean Organisation
British Youth Council
National Association for Asian Youth
National Union of Students
Trades Union Congress
Youthaid

Representatives
Met PM at
H/C on 30/11



APPEAL TO LONDON FROM THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL, THE ILEA, AND THE JOBS FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

Young people in Britain face a desperate future. Over a million young people under 24 are now out of work in Britain. Over half this year's school leavers are still without work — 30,000 in London alone. It is not surprising that young people feel rejected, powerless and bitter. The despair of a generation without hope threatens us all.

That's why six organisations have initiated a Campaign to ensure there is a better future for young people, and that they have a voice in creating that future.

The organisations represent a very broad spectrum of the nation's youth — Youthaid specifically concerns itself with the young unemployed; NUS represents over a million students; the British Youth Council is the 'umbrella' forum for all young people from voluntary youth organisations with sixty affiliates; the National Association for Asian Youth and the Afro-Caribbean Organisation are representative organisations for black youth; and, of course, the TUC represents young workers.

The Jobs for Youth Campaign will support no political party — indeed it has support from all parties. It has drawn up a Charter setting out the long term aims of the Campaign and calling for immediate practical steps to end the tragedy of youth unemployment.

The Campaign begins with a 'Jobs Express' in November. With some 400 young people on board representing the nation's youth, the train will visit nine cities up and down the country during the final week in November. The train will arrive in London on Friday, 27th of November where those on the Jobs Express will join some 2,000 young people from round the country who will be in London to participate in the weekend's activities. These include a major Young Peoples Festival and a demonstration on Sunday, the 29th of November.

The Campaign will continue into the Winter when the Charter will provide the basis for discussion groups throughout the country. In the Spring the Campaign will be organising a further major national event with the aim of involving young people

The Campaign needs money. We are appealing to you for a generous contribution. Cheques should be made out to 'The Jobs for Youth London Appeal' and sent to Jobs for Youth Campaign S.E. Co-ordinating Committee, Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS.

The Campaign's slogan is 'Give us a Future'. We hope you will agree there is no more vital task for us all. We cannot afford to fail.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Knapp
Chairman South East Regional Council TUC

John Ward
Chairman Greater London Council

Ann Ward
Chairman Inner London Education Authority

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From the
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

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4 December 1981

Dear Michael

You telephoned about the Prime Minister's meeting with young people from the Jobs Train on 30 November. It was suggested that little was known about government help for small business in the Newcastle and Middlesbrough areas.

As the Prime Minister will know the Business Opportunities Programme is designed to increase the awareness of small businessmen, wouldbe entrepreneurs and their advisers of the many measures taken by the Government to help small firms and a Business Opportunities Programme Conference was held for the North East Region in Durham on 1 December, over 250 people attended. There have, in addition been smaller BOP meetings at Gateshead, Thornaby, Newcastle and Billingham.

The person who raised this point might like to have the attached BOP folder which contains information on a variety of matters of interest to small businessmen and those thinking of setting up in business. One of the leaflets describes this Department's Small Firms Service. Anyone considering starting up in business or with a business problem or plans to expand can contact the Service by dialling the Operator and asking for Freefone 2444. They can then arrange to discuss the matter with one of the Service's Counsellors, not a civil servant, but an experienced businessman who can give impartial advice on a wide range of subjects affecting small businesses.

I hope that this provides the positive help the young person is seeking.

*Yours sincerely
Jane Gutteridge*

JANE GUTTERIDGE
Assistant Private Secretary

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LESLIE HUCKFIELD MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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4th December 1981

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Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Prime Minister

Reps.

JOBS EXPRESS AND LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT ON MONDAY, 30th NOVEMBER

I understand that you received a delegation of young people who participated in the above when they came to London on Monday.

At the House of Commons I saw Alison Walling of 46 Old Hinckley Road, Nuneaton, and Gary Dumbleby of 2 Winchester Avenue, Weddington, Nuneaton.

They stressed to me the hopelessness of the employment situation facing youngsters in Nuneaton, Bedworth and Coventry generally.

You will no doubt already have been given details of both the MSC and the CBI forecasts, which show that in less than two years' time, some two-thirds of school leavers will find it impossible to obtain employment. The situation after that seems set to deteriorate further.

The young people who came on the Jobs Express, and my constituents generally, want to know what your Government intends to do to improve this situation and I shall look forward to hearing from you as a matter of urgency.

With many thanks.

Leslie D. Huckfield

LESLIE HUCKFIELD MP

SUBJECT



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

cc Bernard Ingham
John Verelker
Andrew Ingham
Derek Howe
30 November 1981

cc Master

Dear Marie,

Prime Minister's Meeting with a delegation from the
Jobs for Youth Campaign

Thank you for your letter of 27 November and the enclosed briefing for the Prime Minister's meeting with a delegation from the 'Jobs Express' Lobby on 30 November.

The delegation was led by Mr. John Collins of the British Youth Council who brought with him six young people. The Prime Minister began by inviting each of the people to say where they were from, how long they had been unemployed, and to make whatever points they wished to her.

Brendan Heaney, from Belfast, said that he had qualified in teacher training four years ago but had been unable to find permanent work since then. His efforts to get alternative work had met with the objection either that he was too old (at 25) or over qualified. He said that he thought that Northern Ireland's economic development was a low priority for the present Government, and not a matter of sufficient concern in the House of Commons.

Mike Carr (from Middlesbrough) had been unemployed for four months. He had 10 O-levels and 2 A-levels and a business diploma. He had been taken on for a degree course, but no grant, and since he had no sources of finance himself he would be unable to proceed.

Gayle Meyer, aged 19 and from Dagenham had applied for seven jobs and had interviews for six. She had 5 O-levels and 1 A-level.

Elizabeth Thomas from Edinburgh had been on a Youth Opportunities programme since August when she left school. She felt that she was getting no training from the YOP, and she said that she thought that the YOP's allowance was quite inadequate given general rising costs and in particular increased costs of travelling from home.

Theresa Short (aged 24, from Cambridge - 7 CSEs and 3 O-levels) had been unemployed for six months after being sacked by Trust Houses Forte. She had now been found to be wrongfully dismissed and had received some compensation for this, but was unable to get a reference from THF.

/ Wayne Daniels

Wayne Daniels (aged 19, from Sheffield) had worked for 2½ years after leaving school driving a fork-lift truck in a small company in the construction industry. All 250 people in the business had been made redundant, and he saw no prospects of getting a job again in Sheffield.

The Prime Minister sketched the macro economic background against which we were experiencing current levels of unemployment in Europe generally. She said that she believed that new, genuine, jobs would be most likely to be generated by small businesses, and the Government was doing all it could to create the right climate for a healthy small business sector. The Government was also doing what it could to improve education and training opportunities. It would be announcing improvements in the Youth Opportunities Programme with more training and higher allowances. The Prime Minister also mentioned that the new young workers' scheme would shortly come into effect.

Mike Carr argued that both in Middlesbrough and in Newcastle he had direct experience that the Government's small business start-up scheme was little understood by banks and others to whom he and his brother, both of whom had attempted to start small businesses, had turned. The Prime Minister undertook to look into the arrangements in these two places. A number of the young people criticised the YOP on the grounds that it provided inadequate training, and provided labour for companies at the expense of existing jobs. Mr. Alison commented that there was careful monitoring to prevent this happening, but that, no doubt, a number of fish got through the net from time to time.

In further discussion, the Prime Minister outlined the scale of the Government's expenditure on specific job subsidy schemes, on education, and on subsidies for industry (the latter with particular reference to points made by Brendan Heaney about the industrial situation in Northern Ireland). The Prime Minister acknowledged that the Government's efforts were not as effective as had been hoped, but underlined the burden on the taxpayer - or to put it differently, on those in work - of additional help to those out of work.

The meeting ended at 1645 hours (ie half an hour later than planned). The representatives of the British Youth Council indicated that they had not received any positive help or hope from their talk with the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Scholar

Miss Marie Fahey,
Department of Employment

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PRIME MINISTER

BRITISH YOUTH COUNCIL DELEGATION

I have some information on the six people who will be accompanying Mr. John Collins for your meeting with the jobs for youth campaign this afternoon:

1977 Secretary
Brendan Heaney is 25, from Belfast. He qualified in teacher training four years ago but has been unable to find permanent work since then.

Lt. Col. of Northern Ireland

Theresa Short is 24. She is from Cambridge. She has 7 CSEs and 3 O-levels. She has been unemployed for 6 months.

Elizabeth Thomas is 16, from Edinburgh. She has been on the Youth Opportunities Programme since August when she left school. She is working on children in community care.

Gayle Meyer is 19, from Dagenham. She has been unemployed since June. She has 5 O-levels and 1 A-level.

Wayne Daniels is 19, from Sheffield. He has been unemployed for 2½ years since being made redundant from the construction industry.

Mike Carr has been unemployed for 4 months. He is 22 and has 10 O-levels and 2 A-levels and has a business diploma. He has a place on a degree course but no grant and so will be unable to proceed. He is from Middlesborough.

I have been given notice from Central Office of one or two issues which came up on the Jobs Express Train, and which they think may come up in the meeting.

(1) The Laurence Scott dispute in Manchester. You have had briefing on this for Questions, and I attach the material which was supplied by the Department.

(2) There is criticism of the Youth Opportunities Programme on the grounds that "it does not offer very much."

(3) It is likely that the meeting which Michael Alison is having with the lobby will be boisterous.

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30 November 1981



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27 November 1981

Dear Michael

... In response to your letter of 24 November I
attach a brief for the Prime Minister's
meeting with a delegation from the Jobs for
Youth Campaign on Monday, 30 November.

Yours

Mamie Fahey

MISS M C FAHEY
Private Secretary

BRIEF FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE
JOBS FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN - 30 NOVEMBER 1981

Background

1 The jobs for youth campaign is the name of an umbrella organisation set up by the following bodies: The British Youth Council, Afro-Caribbean Organisation, National Association for Asian Youths, National Union of Students, Trades Union Congress, Youthaid.

2 The campaign has organised the Jobs Express, which involves unemployed young people travelling from one area of high youth unemployment to another, as a way of drawing attention to the campaign. The Jobs Express is terminating in London on 30 November, with a lobby of Parliament. (Also to be addressed by the Minister of State for Employment, the leader of the Opposition, and Lord Beaumont). The full composition of the delegation is not yet known, but it will be led by Mr John Collins of the British Youth Council, who has acted as co-ordinator for the campaign.

Points from the Campaign

3 The campaign has issued a broad sheet detailing the points it considers should constitute a new deal for young people. The points, and the Government's position on them, are briefly:

- i YOP must be improved, with more training and a higher allowance. The Government agrees there should be more training, and announced on 27 July that it was considering a new scheme to replace YOP where the emphasis would be on training. Details will be announced shortly by the Secretary of State for Employment. There will also be an announcement on the allowance.
- ii YOP trainees must not be used as cheap labour, and the scope of the scheme should be extended to 19 - 25 year olds.

The Government accepts substitution of trainees for employees is an abuse of YOP. The MSC takes speedy steps in cases where substitution is found to close schemes down. A recent review of operating procedures will lead to improvement in monitoring YOP. But YOP is a programme for new entrants to work, which are a group that the Government believes merit extra help and priority. The Community Enterprise Programme exists to help older unemployed people - those 18 and over.

- iii } young workers should be given training and education as part of their jobs.

The Government accepts the need to develop more widespread training provision for young people in work. This need is reflected in the paper 'A New Training Initiative' on which comments have been received. The Government's plans for better training of young people will be announced shortly.

- iv apprenticeships must be increased, improved, and modernised.

The Government is supporting 30,000 apprenticeship places this year, a third of the total. It entirely agrees that reform of apprenticeships is needed to breakdown unnecessary restrictions such as those relating to age of entry. Comments on the NTI show there is widespread support for reform. Apprenticeships will form part of the Government's forthcoming announcement on training.

- v racial and sex discrimination at work

On race, the Government's special employment measures are directed towards areas/people most in need, and efforts are being made to provide effective help to minority groups. But these measures cannot themselves create equality. This can only be achieved by the hard work and goodwill of those who exercise influence in the employment field.

On sex, the Government believes the existing legislation (The Sex Discrimination Act) provides a comprehensive framework for equal treatment between men and women. Again, getting attitudes right is the key. Insofar as special employment measures are concerned, YOP provides around half its places for young women.

- vi all 16 - 19 year olds must have a chance of continued study.

It is the Government's policy to encourage as many young people as possible to stay on in education. Extra resources (amounting to £60m in 1982/3) have been made available for this purpose. Staying-on rates are going up significantly. The Government is also proposing improvements in the relevance and attraction of the curriculum, which will help encourage young people to remain in education.

- vii grants should be guaranteed for all 16 - 19 year olds in full-time study.

Educational Maintenance Allowances can be made available on a discretionary basis from local authorities for those who stay on at school, and discretionary grants for those who stay on in FE. But

local authorities, of course, are under expenditure pressures themselves and the money tends to go to places of hardship. To make grants available in all cases would be expensive, and although this is kept under review it cannot be contemplated at present.

viii the number of places in higher education must be expanded.

Higher education cannot be exempted from the general need to contain public spending. This may mean fewer places overall in the short term, but the Government hopes that any reeducation will be more than matched by more places in subjects that the country urgently needs - eg technology, engineering.

Government Plans for the Training of Young People (Not to be read out -
Confidential)

4 The Secretary of State for Employment will shortly be publishing a White Paper on Training for young people - both those in jobs and the unemployed. For the unemployed, the paper will outline a new comprehensive training scheme for those in their first year at work after minimum school leaving age. The scheme will provide a full year's training combining varied work experience and on and off the job training. The accent will be much more heavily on training than in the current YOP. There will be enough places (around 380,000) for all the target group, and therefore the Government is proposing to withdraw benefit from these young people. Child Benefit will continue to be paid, but if the young person chooses to remain unemployed he/she will receive no benefit in his/her own right. In the light of this, the allowance payable under the scheme will be low - at current prices £12.75 a week (however for older young people on the scheme, a higher allowance will be paid recognising the fact that they will retain eligibility for benefit).

Known Views of the BYC

5 Mr John Collins, BYC, met Lord Gowrie the Minister of State at DE, in May 1981 to discuss youth unemployment issues. He was in favour of continuing the development of YOP, and was against the schemes of national community service. He pressed the Minister to increase the YOP allowance, alleging that its low level was dissuading young people from entering the programme. Mr Collins spoke strongly against [redacted] proposals to offer young unemployed people a period of military training.

6 There is broad agreement between the BYC and the Government on the way to develop vocational preparation and training arrangements - although the Council can be expected to press for immediate action, and is likely to be unhappy about taking young people out of benefit and paying them a low level of allowance under the YOP successor scheme.

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27 November 1981

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Dear Derek,

Enclosed are my notes on the 'Jobs Express' for the Prime Minister.
If anything of interest comes to light subsequently, I will
contact you on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

N.B. One spare copy.

JOBS FOR YOUTH

PROGRESS REPORT - 27th November 1981

350 unemployed young people are travelling to London on the 'Jobs Express' to take part in Rallies and a Lobby of Parliament on Monday. Media coverage has been sparse but the following provides an insight on the activities to date.

MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER - NEWCASTLE

Following a civic reception and a rally, addressed by TUC General Secretary, Len Murray on the Sunday evening, the train left Newcastle for Scotland. Among those in the party at the station were civic leaders and David Basnett.

In EDINBURGH a rally was addressed by one Rev Andrew Ross of the Scottish Church who said 'what this society needs is a profound rethink in the way it is run'. About 2000 students and trade unionists joined the travellers in a torch light procession through GLASGOW.

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - LIVERPOOL

During a long journey from Glasgow the youngsters organised themselves or were organised, into discussion groups dealing with topics such as women, sexism and unemployment and YOPs programmes and how they can be improved. In Liverpool after a rally the group marched with trades unionists and others to the University. The train travelled to MANCHESTER where it was met by civic leaders and Gordon McQueen of Manchester United Football Club.

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER - SHEFFIELD

Marching from the station to the Memorial Hall the group were supported by civic leaders and assorted union officers but particularly by Alan Fisher of NUPE. Mr Fisher attacked the YOP scheme for paying a disgraceful pittance as a so-called training allowance. He said, 'There is not much training and very little allowance'. BIRMINGHAM was the next stop where a torch light rally and procession attracted 4000 people. Among them was Alison Lea, a farmer's daughter from Telford. Out of work since qualifying as a farm secretary at agricultural college 18 months ago she said 'People cannot ignore demonstrations like this, something must be done about unemployment.' Local media coverage was fairly extensive, although the Scarman Report was dominant.

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER - SWANSEA

The first stop in Wales saw another rally as the centre piece. Again the support was from civic leaders and the unions but Clive Jenkins ASTMS who had travelled on the Express from Birmingham was the major speaker. Mr Jenkins said 'There will be 5 million unemployed by 1984 at the present rate. We need a most radical approach if we are to solve that problem'.

The train continued to Cardiff where marches and a rally again featured.

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER -

The Express is due to travel to LONDON via Bristol. Over the weekend there will be a March and Rally in central London and numerous concerts. The culmination of the enterprise will be the Lobby of Parliament on Monday. The series of meetings in the Grand Committee Room are to be

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attended by the young people from the train. They will have to produce their tickets to gain admittance, even so, all speakers, Mr Alison, Mr Foot and Lord Beaumont will be subjected to hostile questioning. The delegation meeting the Prime Minister will be lead by John Collins, chairman of the British Youth Council - a responsible young man who joined BYC from the Scouts.

The campaign 'Jobs for Youth' was organised jointly by the British Youth Council, the National Union of Students, the TUC, Youthaid, the Association of Asian Youth and others. These notes show all too clearly that the TUC have made a determined effort to seize the headlines for their own purposes. My unofficial contacts inform me that the other organisers are somewhat displeased by this and hope to rectify the position during the course of the weekend.

In view of the above and the broader political considerations I remain convinced that the Party will benefit from being seen to be meeting and listening to the young people involved. A letter from the Relationships Secretary of the Scout Association is worth noting. Mr J A Allen says 'Now that the Prime Minister and also the Leader of the Opposition have agreed to meet representatives of this campaign, I think we can give it a little more support and encourage young Leaders and Venture Scouts to show an interest in its objectives'.

Tim R Cowell
Assistant Director (Youth)

27th November, 1981

List of representatives from the British Youth
Council attending meeting on Monday 30 November
at 1600 at House of Commons

John Collins

Brendan Heney

Terese Short

Elizabeth Thomas

Gale Mayer

Wayne Daniels

Mike Carr



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

24 November 1981

All Party Youth Affairs Lobby

The Prime Minister wrote to Mr. John Collins, Chairman of the British Youth Council, on 15 September on the lines suggested in your letter to Mike Pattison of 9 September. It has now been arranged that the Prime Minister will see Mr. Collins together with a small delegation at 4 p.m. on 30 November in her room at the House of Commons.

I would be grateful for any briefing which you think it would be helpful for the Prime Minister to have. When we know who will be accompanying Mr. Collins we will pass on the names to you.

Please could this briefing be available by close of business on Friday 27 November.

6.00 p.m.

M.C. SCHOLAR

Miss Marie Fahey
Department of Employment.

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~~Sally~~ Spike Sally, names expected later.

Have you received X yet?

KJ 12/11

Kay 20/11

10th November 1981

Further to Ian Gow's letter of 2nd November, I am now pleased to tell you that as a result of a re-arrangement in the Prime Minister's appointments, she will be free to see you and your delegation for 15 minutes at 4 pm on 30th November.

X || I would be grateful if you could let me know the names of the people who will be accompanying you.

The meeting will take place in the Prime Minister's room at the House of Commons. Could you please make your way to the Central Lobby, via St Stephen's Entrance, and I will arrange for someone to meet you there at 3.55 pm.

Derek Howe
Political Office

John Collins Esq

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SUPPORT WIDENS FOR JOBS CAMPAIGN

MASSIVE NATIONWIDE SUPPORT HAS BEEN POURING IN FOR NEXT WEEK'S 'JOBS FOR YOUTH' CAMPAIGN, MUCH OF IT FROM NON POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING STARS FROM SHOW BUSINESS

THE TUC'S ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY DAVID LEA SAID THIS AFTERNOON.

MR LEA, CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE: 'THIS IS A NON-PARTY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, THOUGH THERE ARE DEMANDS FOR A RADICAL CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT POLICY ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT.'

LATEST AMONG THE CAMPAIGN'S SPONSORS ARE ENTERTAINERS BARBARA DICKSON, CLEO LAINE AND JANET SUZMAN.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE GIVEN AN OFFICIAL SEND-OFF NEXT MONDAY WHEN THE JOBS EXPRESS, WITH 125 SPONSORED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ON BOARD, LEAVES NEWCASTLE STATION FOR A FOUR-DAY NATIONWIDE JOURNEY, CALLING AT TEN MAJOR CITIES.

AT EACH STOP 25 MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BOARD THE TRAIN, WHICH WILL BE CARRYING 375 WHEN IT ARRIVES IN LONDON ON NOVEMBER 27 FOR A WEEKEND OF FESTIVITIES, A MARCH AND RALLY, A LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT AND A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

MRS THATCHER REFUSED TO MEET THE 'RIGHT TO WORK' MARCHERS EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT SHE HAS AGREED TO TALK TO A DELEGATION FROM THE JOBS EXPRESS TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS.

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PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS REVIEW AT 4 P.M.

...HOUSE OF COMMONS SITTING WAS SUSPENDED IN DISORDER THIS AFTERNOON DURING TRIBUTES TO MURDERED ULSTER M.P., THE REV ROBERT BRADFORD, WHO WAS SHOT BY I.R.A. TERRORIST ON SATURDAY.

...COMMONS SPEAKER GEORGE THOMAS SUSPENDED THE SITTING AFTER DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS M.P.S. SHOUTED DOWN NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY JAMES PRIOR FROM THE SIDE GALLERY.

...EARLIER, THE REV IAN PAISLEY TOLD THE COMMONS THAT MORE M.P.S WOULD BE KILLED BEFORE CHRISTMAS. AND PROTESTED WHEN SPEAKER STOPPED HIM PAYING IMMEDIATE TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD M.P.

...MEANWHILE IN BELFAST, PROTESTANT PARA-MILITARY UDA HAS CALLED ON ULSTER'S UNIONIST M.P.S TO WITHDRAW FROM WESTMINSTER, RETURN HOME AND SET UP A NEW COUNCIL TO COMMAND SECURITY FORCES.



4.00 p.m.

for 15 mins

30 Nov.

10 DOWNING STREET

9th November, 1981

Prime Minister

Attached is a letter I have received from Tim Cowell at Conservative Central Office re the British Youth Council lobby of 30th November.

I really do think that you will get a very bad press if you do not see this delegation particularly as they are to be addressed by Michael Foot.

Could I prevail upon you to revert to your original plan?

Derek Howe

Will see
then for 15 mins
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9 November 1981

Derek Howe
10 Downing Street
LONDON
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Dear Derek,

Jobs for Youth Campaign

Further to our conversation this morning, I am writing to give the details of my conversation with Mark Wooding, Vice Chairman of the British Youth Council.

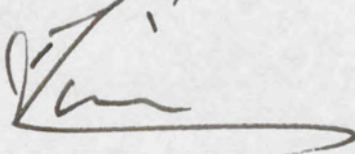
The lobby of Parliament on Monday 30 November will be the major feature of the campaign, which starts on Monday 23 November when the Jobs Express leaves Newcastle for London. It will be travelling via various parts of the country, collecting groups of young people en route, arriving on Friday 27. A variety of events have been arranged for the weekend, but the real political input will be from the Monday onwards, see the enclosed leaflet.

The whole enterprise is as a result of a collaboration between the British Youth Council, the TUC, the Education Department, NUS, Youth Aid, the Association of Asian Youth, and other associated bodies. The fact that it is a form of coalition of interest means that in essence it is not party political, although I suspect it will be somewhat difficult for them to maintain this.

The lobby of Parliament involves all 400 plus who have come to London on the Express, with other interested parties. After the lobby there is to be a series of meetings in the Grand Committee Room, which will be addressed by Michael Foot, Lord Beaumont and a Minister, who has yet to be designated. This has all been published, as has the fact that a small delegation are to meet the Prime Minister. This commitment resulted from correspondence John Collins had with the Prime Minister's Office. The intention had been that the Prime Minister would meet a small delegation on the afternoon of Monday 30, however, I know from Mark Wooding that Ian Gow has written to say that because of a pressing commitment the Prime Minister will now be unable to receive a delegation on the Monday afternoon.

I do believe that if the Prime Minister is now unable to receive a delegation at any stage, this will have grave political repercussions for us all. Is there any possibility that Mrs Thatcher would be able to meet the delegation on Monday 30 in the morning, or Tuesday 31, or even Friday 27 or Saturday 28. I can appreciate the many calls upon her time, but as we wish to emphasise to the young unemployed, and other young people, that we, as a Government and Party, have their interests as our top priority, I believe that this should be demonstrated from the highest quarter.

I have been able to persuade the BYC to hold back from informing the TUC that there has been a slight hitch in the arrangements, and I hope that I can have a response in a few hours so that we can avoid adverse publicity.

Yours ever,


Tim R Cowell
Assistant Director (Youth)



british youth council

The British Youth Council is a representative forum for young people in Britain. Its membership is diverse, ranging from the Scouts and Guides, through Ethnic and Religious groups, to the youth wings of the major political parties. It has some 6 million members.

Youth unemployment is one of the major problems facing society. The latest figures show that more than half this year's school leavers will be unable to find work. In some parts of the country youth unemployment is already well over 50%. Only 38% of those who have been through the Youth Opportunities Programme can expect to find full-time work. And the situation is getting worse.

That is why the British Youth Council, the TUC, the National Union of Students, Youthaid, the Afro-Caribbean Organisation and the National Association for Asian Youth have come together to launch the "JOBS FOR YOUTH" campaign under the slogan "Give Us A Future". We want to put unemployment at the top of the agenda, and to give young people a voice and hope for the future.

JOBS FOR YOUTH

**GIVE US A
FUTURE**



A number of events are planned for the campaign, including the launch of a 'Youth Charter', and a 'Youth Festival' in the Spring.

JOBS EXPRESS

The focus of the campaign for the Autumn is the "JOBS EXPRESS" - a British Rail train leaving Newcastle on Monday 23rd. November and passing through Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Birmingham, Swansea, Cardiff and Bristol, gaining impetus and publicity before arriving in London on Friday evening. It will be carrying 375 young people from all parts of the country. (John Collins, BYC Chairperson, will be one of them).

Once in London a number of events have been arranged which anybody can attend - 3 concerts scheduled to take place on the evenings of the 27th., 28th., 29th. November at the Rainbow Theatre in North London, featuring top rock bands, and a march and rally (also with a variety of bands) on Sunday 29th. in Central London, which we hope to gain much support for.

Finally on Monday those who have been on the "Jobs Express" will take part in a lobby of Parliament, which will be addressed by Michael Foot and representatives of the Liberal and Conservative Parties. In addition a small delegation will meet Mrs. Thatcher.

- Do you want more information and publicity about the campaign?
- Do you want to speak to your M.P.?
- Do you want to go to the "Jobs Express" rock concerts?
- Do you want to join in the demonstration?

If so contact:

BYC ACTION DESK

on

01 388 4535

between 2p.m. & 7p.m.

(2nd. ~ 27th. Nov.)

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FUTURE**



JOBS FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

Lobby of Parliament Monday 30th November

Briefing for the Young People on the Jobs Express

The lobby of Parliament is taking place during the afternoon of Monday 30th November. The only people taking part in the lobby will be the 400 young people from the Jobs Express. There will be two main elements to the lobby, firstly the lobby meetings which will take place in the Grand Committee Room at the House of Commons, and secondly the individual lobbying by the young people of their own M.P.s. Throughout the afternoon we have booked a room at Central Hall, Storey Street, Westminster (4 minutes walk from the House of Commons), which will be the information and refreshment centre.

Meeting in Central Hall, Storey Street

At 1.00 pm there will be a meeting in Central Hall for briefing and a sandwich lunch.

Lobby Meetings in the Grand Committee Room, House of Commons

Access to the Grand Committee Room will be restricted to those people who have been on the Jobs Express and will be by ticket only. The timetable of meetings will be :-

2.30 Speaker on behalf of the Conservative Party, and discussion

3.30 Michael Foot on behalf of the Labour Party, and discussion

4.30 Lord Beaumont on behalf of the Liberal Party, and discussion

At each of the meetings the speakers will not speak for very long and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussions.

Individual Lobbying of MPs

In order to ensure that the maximum number of MPs are lobbied, it will be necessary for each of the participants on the Jobs Express to write to their MPs and arrange a meeting during the afternoon of Monday 30th November. The letter to the M.P. should be written personally by each person, stating why s/he will be on the Jobs Express and is taking part in the Campaign. It should be addressed to The House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1. A copy of the Jobs For Youth Campaign Charter should also be sent to the MP, as this outlines the major issues and objectives of the Campaign.

If your M.P. is able to arrange a meeting he or she will write back confirming the arrangements. On arriving at the Houses of Parliament, it is necessary to go to the St. Stephens entrance, show the letter from your M.P. to the policeman at the door, and then go through to the Central Lobby. In the Central Lobby the official at the desk will contact the M.P.

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2nd November 1981

Tim Lankester is now on secondment to Warburgs and so I am writing to thank you for your letter of 29th October, addressed to him.

To the Prime Minister's very great regret, she will not now be able to meet the small delegation at the House on Monday, 30th November.

I am sorry to say that the Prime Minister has to be present at another urgent meeting that afternoon.

However, the Prime Minister has asked me if I would meet you and your delegation, and bring you down to her room at the House where I would see you, together with a Minister from the Department of Employment.

If this is agreeable to you, I will meet you in the Central Lobby at 4.30 p.m. on 30th November.

Ian Gow MP
Parliamentary Private Secretary

John Collins Esq

PRIME MINISTER

Tim Lankester asked you back in September whether you would be prepared to receive a small delegation of young people who will be lobbying Parliament on Monday, 30 November. This is in connection with the "Jobs for Youth" campaign. Their main meeting takes place in the Grand Committee Room at the House at 1430 and, if you agreed, we could ask, say, half a dozen of them plus the organisers to come to see you here at No. 10 some time in the afternoon.

I attach the regional letter from the Chairman of the Youth Affairs Lobby.

Agree to see them here at No. 10 at around 1630?

30 October 1981

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Would you consult
with David Woyson,
fully Mr. Pettit could do
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YOUTH AFFAIRS LOBBY

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29th October 1981

Tim Lankester
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1.

Dear Tim Lankester

Thank you very much for your letter of 15th September concerning the 'Jobs for Youth' Lobby of Parliament to take place on 30th November.

You mention in your letter that, although the Prime Minister will be unable to speak at the Lobby, she is prepared to meet a delegation of young people from the train.

It would be most convenient for us if this meeting were able to take place some time during the day on 30th November and I would be grateful if your office could contact me to arrange a time.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Collins

JOHN COLLINS



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

15 September 1981

Thank you for your letter of 24 August to the Prime Minister inviting her to meet and talk to young people participating in the lobby of Parliament arranged by the All Party Youth Affairs Lobby on 30 November. The Prime Minister is unfortunately not able herself to attend the meeting, but has asked me to assure you that the concern of the Jobs For Youths Campaign, and the organisations that are supporting it, in particular about jobs, training and education for young people are very much shared by herself and the Government.

As you know, the Government will be spending around £450 million this year on special measures to help the young unemployed with work experience and training, and has now announced the new employment subsidy scheme to help stimulate more jobs for young people. These measures are designed to concentrate help specifically on those starting out on their working lives, and show the extent of the Government's concern.

Accordingly, the Prime Minister has asked that a Minister from the Department of Employment should be available to talk to the young people on the lobby, and I would suggest you contact the Secretary of State for Employment's Private Office about the arrangements. In addition, the Prime Minister would be prepared to meet a small delegation from the lobby, and I would be grateful if you could let me know if this is agreeable and who you would propose.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you in particular for the continuing efforts of your associated organisations to help the Government help the young unemployed.

J. P. LANKESTER

John Collins, Esq.

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1. Miss Stephens
2. Prime Minister

*You could do it if
you wish.*

John Collins, the Chairman of the British Youth Council, wrote to you recently inviting you to address a group of young people numbering about 400 who will be lobbying Parliament on Monday 30 November - with the emphasis on jobs, training and education. We now have advice from Employment on this, and they suggest that it would be more appropriate for an Employment Minister to address the lobby. However, they have suggested that it might be a good idea if you were to receive a small delegation, including the organisers, during the course of the day. Would you be prepared to do this? If so, I will write to them in terms of the draft letter at Flag A.

Yes not

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11 September 1981



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Mike Pattison Esq
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

9 September 1981

Dear Mike

Your note of 25 August sought our advice on a letter to the Prime Minister from John Collins, Chairman of the British Youth Council, inviting her to meet the young people participating in a lobby of Parliament on 30 November in connection with the "Jobs for Youth" campaign.

We think there are good reasons in favour of Ministerial attendance at the lobby. To begin with, it could provide an opportunity to put across the message that the Government is spending approaching £½ billion this year on helping the young unemployed. Moreover, John Collins is a notable and valued supporter of YOP and John Watson, who will be in the Chair, is Conservative MP for Skipton.

... On balance, however, we do not think it will be necessary for the Prime Minister herself to attend and the attached draft reply indicates that a DE Minister would be available for the occasion. At most, we think the Prime Minister might suggest meeting a small delegation including the leading organisers of the lobby, and a bracketed sentence to that effect is included in the draft. We do think the final decision on that point must rest with you.

Yours

Mamie Fahey

MISS M C FAHEY
Private Secretary

Our ref: PO 7666/81

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10 DOWNING STREET

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From the Private Secretary

25 August, 1981.

Mr. J. COLLINS

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I enclose a letter to the Prime Minister from the "Youth Affairs Lobby" inviting her to meet those involved in a lobby of Parliament planned for Monday, 30 November.

I assume that the organisers of the lobby will be circularising all MPs, although it is not clear whether this is a circular letter or a special request to the Prime Minister.

I should be grateful for your advice about this approach, together with a draft Private Secretary reply. It would be helpful if we could have something from you by 4 September.

M. A. PATTISON

Miss Marie Fahey,
Department of Employment.

RH

25 August, 1981.

I write on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter to her of 24 August.

This is receiving attention, and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

M. A. PATTISON

John Collins, Esq.

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SR/PB

24th August 1981

The Rt. Hon Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Margaret Thatcher,

The British Youth Council, Afro-Caribbean Organisation, National Association for Asian Youth, National Union of Students, Trades Union Congress, and Youthaid have come together to launch a 'Jobs for Youth' Campaign in the Autumn. The purpose of the campaign is to focus national attention on the problems associated with youth unemployment and to provide young people themselves with an opportunity to take part in a positive campaign to highlight their own call for jobs, for training, for education, and for a voice in the future of the country.

The All Party Youth Affairs Lobby supports the aims and objectives of the 'Jobs for Youth' campaign. Consequently it has agreed to sponsor a lobby of Parliament on Monday 30th November. The 400 young people who will be involved in this lobby will be drawn from many different parts of the country, and will be composed of the young unemployed, young people on the Youth Opportunities Programme, students and young workers. They will have all taken part in the campaign's "Jobs Express", which will be travelling around the country during the previous week.

I am writing to invite you to meet and talk to the young people on the Lobby, at a meeting that will take place in the Grand Committee Room on Monday, 30th November at 2.30 pm. This meeting will be chaired by John Watson, M.P. who is Secretary of the Parliamentary Youth Affairs Lobby, and will last for about 45 minutes. We have also asked the Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, and the Rt. Hon David Steel to address separate meetings at different times during that afternoon.

I hope that you will be able to attend our meeting.

Yours sincerely

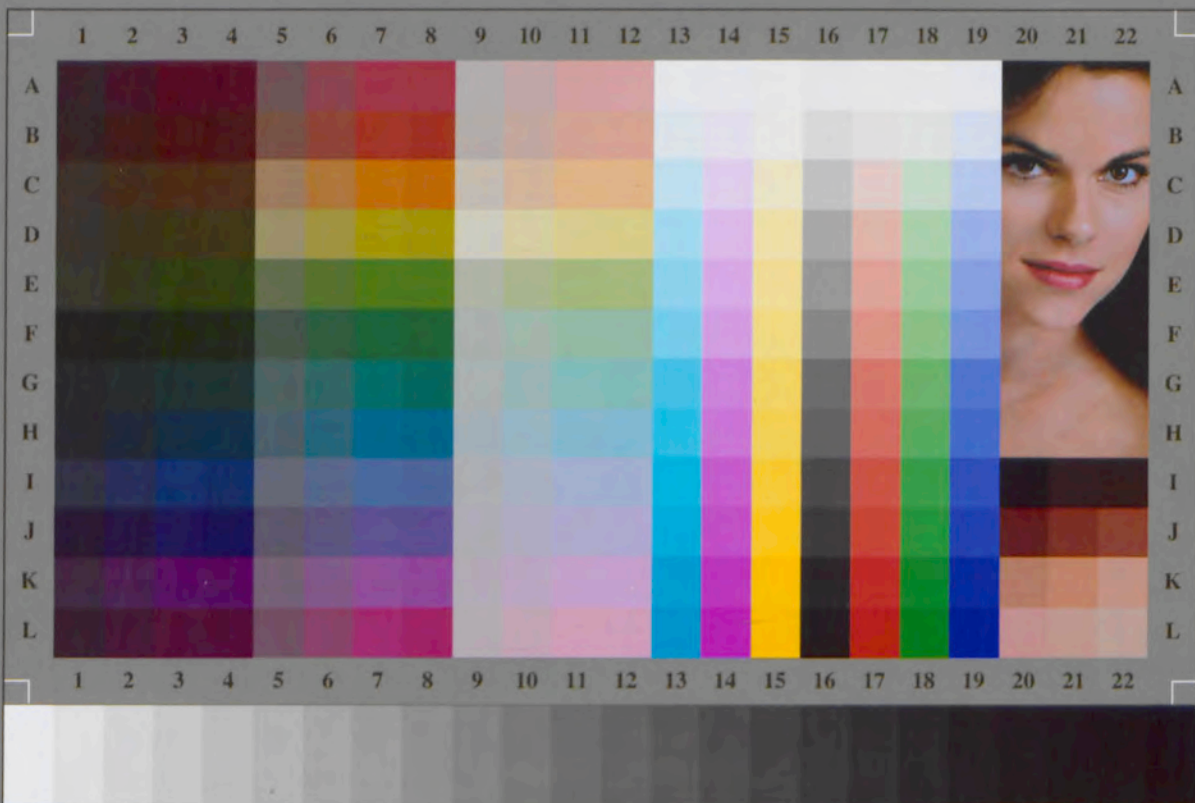
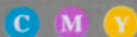
John Collins

JOHN COLLINS
Chairman, British Youth Council

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