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As you know the new Youth Training Scheme has had unanimous support from all sides of the House as well as industry, and will be launched next year.

Any help you can give during the summer Recess to encourage people to play a part would be immensely valuable. The Government has set aside a large amount of taxpayers' money and the Manpower Services Commission has put in hand the organisation required. But we really do need to work through organisations - companies, local authorities and others - who can sponsor training places under the scheme if we are to make certain that all the youngsters have a real chance to participate.

The sort of people to look out for are medium and small businessmen whom you might meet at a constituency social or business function; or a representative - official or Councillor - of a local authority whom you might meet at a school prize-giving or civic function; or somebody connected with the Church or a well known local voluntary organisation.

I am enclosing a short note of the key points relating to the Youth Training Scheme which you may find useful to pass on to any of your constituents who are interested.

*J. Norman*

Together with the other Ministers here, I am writing a personally addressed and signed letter to every Member asking their help on Y.T.S. - I thought you would be interested to see this. N.

## THE YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME

### WHAT IT IS

The Youth Opportunities Programme will be replaced next year by a new Youth Training Scheme. The Manpower Services Commission will run the scheme. The Government will provide very substantial funds - £1 billion when the scheme is fully operational in 1984/85. It also has the wholehearted support of the CBI and the TUC.

### WHO WILL BENEFIT

The Scheme will give one year foundation training courses to over 400,000 16 and 17 year olds, including all unemployed 16 year old school leavers. But this can only be achieved if individual organisations come forward - as so many have done under the Youth Opportunities Programme - as SPONSORS of training courses.

### WHAT HELP IS NEEDED FROM SPONSORS

Sponsors will provide all or part of a 12 month programme of training, education and supervised work experience, including off-the-job training and relevant further education. They will also give young people advice and support throughout the programme and a record of achievement on leaving.

### WHAT SPONSORS RECEIVE

£1,850 per trainee for providing a year of training and work experience - whether entirely on their own premises or using others' facilities.

There is an extra fee of £100 for each training place provided by those who manage an entire programme.

### EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED YOUNGSTERS COVERED

In general, as long as employers train three additional trainees for every two they would normally recruit, they will get a grant of £1,850 for each of the five. The training allowance will be £25 a week (payable from the training grant) if the young people are classed as trainees.

WHEN WILL IT START

The scheme will start in September 1983.

LOCAL MANAGEMENT

The new scheme will be locally managed by new area manpower boards, representative, inter alia, of local employers. They will be encouraged to play a full part in running the scheme - the key contribution must come from employers and others who will actually provide the training.

WHO TO CONTACT

Help and advice on the content of training courses qualifying for support is available locally from area offices of the Manpower Services Commission or from Mr Joe Millington, at MSC Headquarters (01 836 1213 Extension 287).