

Report looking at issues around young people
wishing to enter the world of work



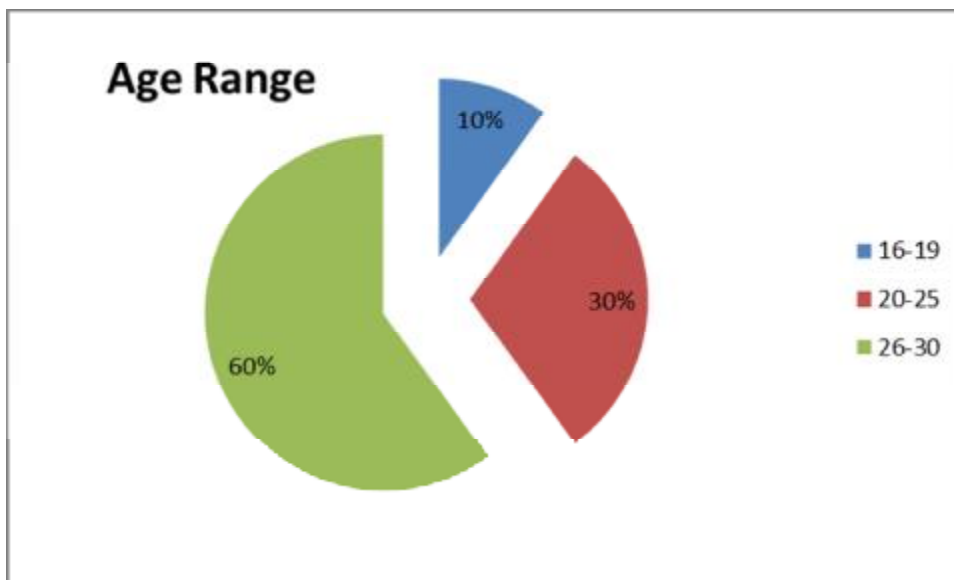


Analysis of the 'Needs Questionnaire'

Mini research was undertaken in the UK looking at issues around young people wishing to enter the world of work.

The "YES questionnaire" was developed within the LLP – Grundtvig Learning Partnership project "YES - Young Europeans Start-up".

The questionnaire was conducted in 2014 amongst young people entering the world of work. The following report shows the main outcomes of the survey.

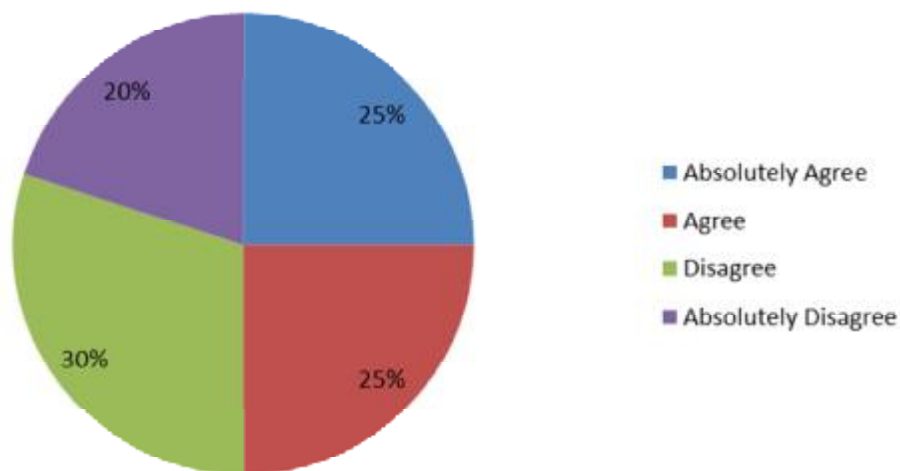


The graph above shows the age split amongst the respondents with the largest group of respondents in age range 26-30 years.

Over the last five years, the landscape for business support in the UK has been changing. Funding has been targeted more at schools that have to embed enterprise in all their subjects. This is a positive step in ensuring that enterprise becomes a central focal point at the heart of everything that is taught through the mainstream education system.

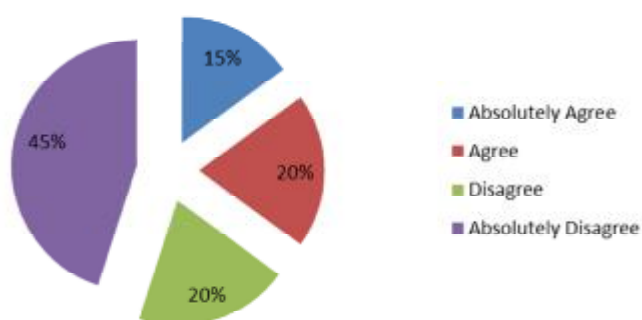
The pivotal question remains whether schools are prepared enough to provide enterprise support and whether business is offered as a viable option to work.

How satisfied were you with how you were prepared at school for business start-up



There was almost even split amongst respondents whether they felt that they were prepared at school for business start-up with 25% absolutely agreeing to 20% absolutely disagreeing.

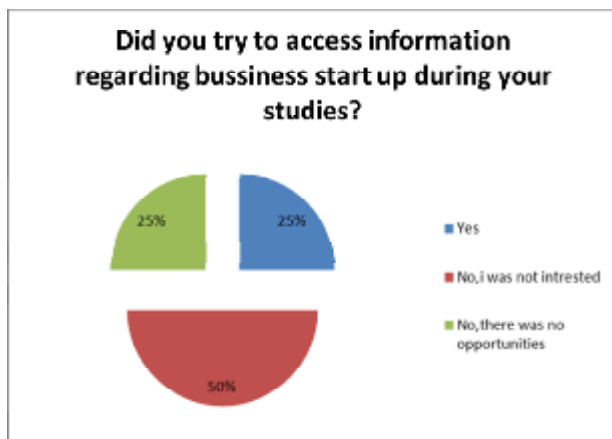
Did you get an opportunity to meet entrepreneurs during your studies?



Overwhelming 45% of respondents did not get the opportunity to meet an entrepreneur during their studies.



It is well known that presence of positive role models inspire others in taking that first step into the world of enterprise. This lack of presence of positive role models during the educational system is another failure and an obstacle to ensure that young people see business as a viable option to employment.



Enterprise support in any capacity will only be effective when there is a genuine passion to learn more. Although overwhelming 50% of the respondents did not make any attempts to access information regarding business start-up, 67% of them said they would attend an organised seminar / course.

The question is then whose job is it to ensure that relevant information is available for young people to get an insight into world of business. Projects such as the 'YES' project has endeavoured to bring together:

- good practices across the partnership;
- developed training material, which was delivered in three cohorts across the partnership to local and partnership learners and
- collated case studies across the partnership to encourage and inspire future entrepreneurs.

More information can be found at: <http://www.youngstartups.eu/>