

# Calderdale & Kirklees Careers

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## Press Release

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### Calderdale school leavers are moving on ..... and moving up

A record breaking 97% of the 2754 Calderdale Year 11s who left school over the summer, are in employment, training or further education.

Careers Advisers from Calderdale & Kirklees Careers Ltd, worked with and tracked all the 2010 school leavers to make sure they successfully applied for and settled into employment, education or training.

The report, called the 'Calderdale Activity Survey' reveals that the number of school leavers who are NEET – not in education, employment or training – has fallen to 2% - the lowest ever recorded figure for Calderdale. NEET levels for 16-18 year olds are also at historically low levels, bucking the trend.

The gloomy economic outlook has led to a decline in school leavers entering jobs that offered no further training or qualifications – with only 2% deciding to do this. 96% opted to further their qualifications either in employment, further education or training.

Gerald Hey Chief Executive of Calderdale & Kirklees Careers commented *'This is an outstanding achievement for Calderdale school leavers - we do a great deal of collaborative work with and in schools to identify and support the young people who may become NEET - it's good to see this is working for our young people.'*

He added, *'we will do everything we can to maintain or improve these results for future generations of school leavers but this is against a backdrop of budget cuts and significant uncertainty over the shape and nature of services in the future as we try to align ourselves with local and national Government strategy and available funding'*

This comprehensive Activity Survey is a vital tool helping Calderdale & Kirklees Careers to work with schools, partner agencies and the Local Authority in planning learning and training opportunities and focusing resources. For more information and a copy please contact 01484 226766.

To find out more about the help and support Calderdale & Kirklees Careers provide, contact us on 01484 226700

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## Editorial Notes

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