

Accenture Video: How can employers help tackle unemployment?

Accenture's Skills to Succeed (S2S) programme helps equip young people from disadvantaged backgrounds with the skills and experience they need to either get a job or start a business. By the end of 2020 we aim to skill 200,000 young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs); help 20,000 into work, and create up to 1,000 new jobs.

One of our flagship S2S initiatives is our involvement in Movement to Work, created in 2013 as a voluntary collaboration of UK employers to create more opportunities for young NEETs through access to high quality vocational training and work experience placements. Together, as an employer coalition, we aim to provide 100,000 vocational training and work experience placements and to break the vicious cycle of 'no experience, no job; no job, no experience'.

Accenture is a founding member of the Movement, a member of the Steering Group and currently staffing the Programme Directorship through secondment. We have also provided placements for over 300 people to date and of those that have completed a programme over 50% have moved into employment. Over 30 of these participants have joined Accenture as technology apprentices or moved into other entry level roles. Others have joined other corporations, or small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). We are also looking to use our digital and business capabilities to help close the digital skills gap for young NEETs and also stimulate job creation by supporting SMEs growth through digital.