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Young people get stuck in entry level jobs

Entry level jobs are an important starting point for young people entering the world of work.

Career Industry Council of Australia (CICA) President Bernadette Gigliotti says that as workers in existing jobs extend their stay in entry level jobs the queue of new entrants increases and this is impacting on youth employment levels. Despite being the best educated and technologically savvy generation, young people are also more likely to work in casual or part-time positions which often do not lead to stable and sustainable opportunities.

“Entry level jobs are a training ground for understanding work cultures and developing a good work attitude. When it works well young people blossom in work and employers benefit but we need to assist young people to make good transitions”, says Ms Gigliotti.

“Young people in entry level jobs are not getting to the career services they need to make smooth transitions to more stable jobs that offer longer term career prospects”, she commented“

CICA is asking the Commonwealth government to expand the range of careers services available to young job entrants, including extending access to the career support telephone helpline over the next year. The helpline is currently operated by the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations but will only focus on mature age from July.

CICA is the national peak body representing the career industry and is focussed on improving quality and access to career services for all Australians.

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