

Dear Sirs,

I am writing with regard to your request for ideas concerning the provision of opportunities for young people stricken with unemployment. Since our committee fully appreciates the vital importance of this issue, we decided to raise the matter during our last meeting. A long and heated debate led us to the undermentioned conclusions.

Essentially, the unemployed fall into two main categories: those who having had the misfortune to lose their job explore every possible avenue in order to improve their situation, and those who – for reasons best known to themselves – adopt a passive attitude. As we shall see later, there is a world of difference between effective ways of tackling the two cases of seemingly the same problem.

As regards the first type of unemployed people, the committee was unanimous that the best course of action would be to launch a voluntary training programme. Not only would the classes occupy most of their excessive free time, they would put them in a position of strength in the labour market as well. It is worth mentioning that there is every likelihood of such an initiative being subsidised by the government and various non-profitmaking organisations specialising in the promotion of entrepreneurship.

Be that as it may, we must bear in mind that however intensive our efforts are, they are doomed to failure unless they are accompanied by the will to succeed on the part of the unemployed. In other words, attempting to make people happy against their wishes is obviously an unacceptable waste of taxpayers' money. Consequently, it is our firm belief that the best we can do for those who feel comfortable on the dole is to organise some sports activities. This would no doubt be a great way to pass the time and, more importantly, it would give young people plenty of opportunity to keep fit and give vent to their aggression without posing a threat to the society.

I hope that these suggestions will prove to be of some assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

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