

JYA CEHA REVIEW SUMMARY – LIFELONG LEARNING AND APPRENTICESHIPS – 19.1.26

1) What do you think the phrase Life-long Learning means?	2) What different types of apprenticeships or training on the job opportunities have you heard of?	3) What information have you received about apprenticeship or training opportunities and where from?
- Expanding your knowledge throughout your life – work, higher education etc. - Learning throughout your entire life - Opportunities to complete stages or education, usually for a specific role, at any point in your life. - Unlimited learning - Ability to teach yourself at any age – to adapt and take on new skills - Always developing your knowledge - Always learning something – can be big or small - Knowing there is more to learn - Continued education after finishing school - Ability to continue learning regardless of age/expertise. - The opportunity to learn skills for a career change or progression - The opportunity to access learning throughout your life-course. - Your whole life's education and opportunities.	- Schools give information about Highland (course and apprenticeships) - Conversations with Friends. - PSHE lessons – - Some schools give minimal information - Emails from schools - Not from employers - Trident - Enrichment opportunities - Skills show - Interviews with Skills Jersey - UCL website / Institute of Law (research by Member with a particular interest) -	- School was the most popular answer – seems that students are generally directed toward Highlands to complete Apprenticeships. - Friends who have done courses pass on the info. - “Minimal” - Encouraged to sign up - Not from employers – they don't seem to come into schools directly. - Trident sometimes offers good connections. - School Careers Fayres + Skills Show - Online – gov.je website but that's when it's actively searched for. - Own research – UCL website (Institute of Law) Careers Advisor There was a mixed response to this – not many schools have a designated Careers Advisor, but Skills Jersey often send people in who are impartial, however this also varies from school to school as we established from the JYA!
4) What jobs or careers are you interested in? Do you think you can train for any of those jobs here in Jersey? Are there any other jobs of interest that don't appear to have training options on the Island?	5) What would make it easier for you to find out about apprenticeships or training opportunities?	6) Do you feel there's a clear divide between academic routes (like A levels) and vocational ones (like BTECs or apprenticeships)? Have you ever felt pressure to choose one route over another?
Corporate Law / Law Biomedical Engineering Forensics / Psychology Archaeology Acting	- Having more knowledge before/in advance of Careers Fayres - Not so much emphasis on finance would be better –	- All 10 JYA Members feel there is a clear divide between academic routes and BTECs/Apprenticeships.

Statistics / Analytics Teaching Pharmaceuticals Health & Social Care Accountancy Psychiatry Marine Biology	Finance companies could rather take it in turns. - There is too much emphasis on the free stuff – very distracting and becomes less about the actual opportunities on offer. - School in general – PSE lessons / holding open mornings. - Master website – “One stop shop” on one big online website. Companies would apply to be on it. - Suggested sections: internships / apprenticeships, ideally with a filter. - Some confusion of apprenticeships vs internships.	- Some schools do offer a mix of A-Levels and BTEC, such as Beaulieu. VCJ also offers this, but in order to do a BTEC you have to go to Beaulieu. - There is a sense that certain schools don’t really encourage BTECs. The idea is that A-Levels are promoted to encourage uni attendance, whereas BTECs are for those wanting to work in Jersey. - In some instances, the lack of information has delayed students by a few years. - Young people in some schools feel pressure to go to the same post-16 as their friends, even if the course they want is somewhere else. Some others feel parents put them off BTECs. - The implication is that A-Levels is a good route if you want more time to decide on a career.
7) Would you prefer more flexibility to mix academic and vocational learning, rather than having to choose one route over the other?	8) Do you think vocational training in Jersey helps young people get ready for real jobs? Why or why not?	9) If you could change one thing about vocational learning opportunities in Jersey, what would it be?
- Definitely - There is pressure to choose this or that (A Level or BTEC) - Unfortunately, there is a reputation that “if you fail your GCSEs, you go to Highlands”. - Interesting thoughts on perceptions. - There should be more encouragement to do	Mixed responses – quite a few didn’t feel informed enough to answer this!	A common trend is the lack of information / accessibility of this information. Some members with specific needs (eg physical) find it especially hard Deputy Curtis said some schools (Grainville and Haute Vallee) offer sessions up at Highlands to get used to it. Not

BTECs/Apprenticeships if that's what suits them better, rather than pressuring students to do A Levels at Hautlieu and then they end up failing / dropping out anyway and starting Highlands a year later.		all schools offer this – would it be useful to have a week or two at Highlands to adjust? Hautlieu students don't seem to know much about Highlands. The impression very much seems as though it's Highlands vs Hautlieu.
10) Would you like more opportunities to do work experience while you're still in school? Why or why not?	11) When you think about choosing apprenticeships or training for a job, do you ever think about how it would be paid for?	12) Do you feel you get enough information about funding or financial support, and where do you usually hear about it?
- There is an appetite for more work experience - A suggestion of doing this in Year 10 and 11 – specifically for those who didn't enjoy their first experience. - Another suggestion that end of Year 9 might be better – and may help support GCSE options. (it used to be in Year 9) - Another suggestion where you would do 1 week in one job, and 1 week in another job.	- Assumption is that you are expected to pay yourself, or parents should fund it.	- No – just in general these Members seemed unaware of the possibilities out there. - Lack of information is key here, and in terms in financial support. - Deputy Curtis pointed out there is funding from the government for specific training that is paid by the hour. - This is clearly the biggest gap in information.

Some time for questions / chat