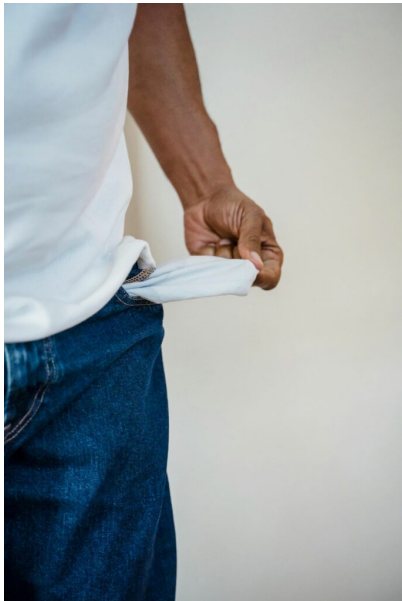


## UK must urgently tackle youth unemployment to prevent long-term scarring

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Responding to Tuesday's labour market data, which shows ongoing challenges including falling vacancies and rising long-term youth unemployment, [TUC](#) General Secretary Paul Nowak said: "People need jobs they can build a decent life on. But the Conservatives left behind a toxic economic legacy with record levels of economic inactivity, vacancies in decline and millions trapped in low-paid insecure work."

He added: "The Budget is an opportunity to repair and rebuild after 14 years of Tory destruction. By investing in the future, we can drive growth and create more good jobs. The Employment Rights Bill will also ensure we see improvements in workers' rights and incomes."

"But if we want to get more people back into the labour market we also need to fix our crumbling public realm, improve access to treatment and help reduce alarming rates of long-term ill health"

On rising youth unemployment, Paul said: "We know that youth unemployment has terrible scarring effects on young people's life chances. This is not a problem we can allow to get any worse, and today's rise in long-term youth unemployment is particularly concerning"

"The government's youth guarantee can make a real difference and stop people from being left on the scrap heap. The sooner it is rolled out the better."

"But we also need to look at the quality of work on offer to those starting their career. Labour's Make Work Pay agenda and its investment in green energy and industry can offer a route to the decent, well-paid jobs young people badly need."