

Minimum age 16 (on 1st September 2025)	Are, or have been, in contact with Youth Offending Teams
Maximum age 20 (on 1st September 2025)	Have been arrested and released with no further action
Has the right to work in the UK	Have previously been in the secure estate (prisons, approved premises, bail accommodation and youth detention accommodation)
Able to take part in 25 hours of employment each week (with reasonable adjustments)	Are attending, or have attended, an alternative provision unit
Not currently employed for more than 15 hours per week	Have had at least two fixed- term exclusions
Available to participate in at least 5 of the 6 weeks of the programme	Have been permanently excluded
Must be able to attend the preparation week	Are, or have been, in care
Living in one of the areas that the programme is delivered in and not planning to move out of the area during the duration of the programme	Have been the victim of violence
Not living in the secure estate (at the start of the programme)	Have, or have had, a social worker
Proficiency in spoken English	Have a sibling or parent who have been involved in serious violence
Not currently charged with a serious offence	Are, or have been, persistently absent from school (less than 90% attendance)*
Not studying towards a degree	Have been identified as at risk of criminal exploitation**
They must not have completed the programme in 2024	*Only to be used by external referral agencies
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