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Welcome to the September 2016 edition of Elevation Networks Research Bulletin.

EMPLOYMENT

According to economists the UK labour market is yet to show any 'Brexit' effect for the period immediately after the June 23rd referendum.

The Office of National Statistics (ONS) has also reported that the unemployment rate fell from 4.9% to 4.7% in July, the first month since the vote. According to the ONS this type of data after the referendum shows "continuing improvement".

Youth Employment

Highlighting the difference between the overall rate of employment and youth unemployment the statistics following the Brexit vote show that 621,000 (13.6%) young people aged 16-24 were unemployed May-July 2016.

- ONS Statistical Bulletin:
<http://ow.ly/vgU1304PKUs>
- BBC News Article:
<http://ow.ly/UqcO304PLaA>
- Youth Unemployment Briefing:
<http://ow.ly/bXBr304PLI0>

EDUCATION

Oxford University to have 'most state school students for decades'

Oxford University has offered 59.2% of places to pupils from state schools, up from 55.6% of places taken last year. The university has spent more than £6m per year on outreach projects. The aim of these projects is to

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encourage applications from a wider range of backgrounds and to challenge pre-conceptions about elitism.

Oxford aims to reject criticism that it is socially exclusive as well as academically selective. Schemes such as the Liverpool to Oxbridge Collaborative have been created which arranges visits by sixth formers to Oxford and Cambridge to try to demystify the application process.

→ <http://ow.ly/4Edu304QhQ8>

Universities to hide applicants' names in anti-bias trial

In attempts to "stamp out inequality" in higher education the Universities minister Jo Johnson is said to be backing aims to stop potential biases.

Exeter, Huddersfield, Liverpool and Winchester universities will be beginning pilot studies where the names of applicants will not be seen during admissions. The aim of this system will be to stop the "potential bias" about students' race and identity.

→ <http://ow.ly/SIY8304QiTg>

AGR reports that graduate vacancies have dropped for first time in four years

Graduate vacancies have dropped by 8% after 4 years of significant growth. Meanwhile the number of apprenticeships have increased by 13% this year with a total of 10,095 opportunities available.

The underlying factor is that while there remain thousands of vacancies available for university graduates, school leavers will find many more different options open to them for high quality jobs.

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