Mental Health and Young Workers

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Issues for young workers

- Mental health issues are common amongst young people
- People (including employers) are not well informed about mental health or mental ill health
- People with mental ill health are discriminated against in the workplace
- People may lack the insight to realise they need help or that help is available
- Professional help is not always on hand
- Casualised employment and lack of knowledge on their rights



Actions

- 1. Access training
- 2. Download the TUC's <u>Mental Health and the Workplace</u>
- Organise around mental health and get young workers to take the lead
- 4. Support and encourage young workers and apprentices
- 5. Challenge discriminatory language and behaviour
- 6. Negotiate mental health policy including use of a <u>reasonable</u> <u>adjustments passport</u>



Resources

- >mind.org.uk
- ➤ time-to-change.org.uk
- ➤tuc.org.uk
- ➤acas.org.uk
- > equalityhumanrights.com > zerosuicidealliance.com

- >mentalhealth.org.uk
- ➤ Lrd.org.uk
- ➤ Hse.gov.uk
- ➤ Mhfa.org.uk