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**MAIN EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS FACING YOUNG PEOPLE IN UKRAINE
AND HOW TO TACKLE THEM**

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Summary

The main employment problems faced by young people in Ukraine may be summarized as the following:

- General unemployment situation in the country;
- Lack of the necessary knowledge and skills;
- Lack of proper leisure conditions for young people.

Unemployment is caused by a number of factors, including: the shortage of jobs for people with certain specialist qualifications; young specialists' lack of the necessary work experience; the reluctance of young people to work for low wages; their unwillingness to work in their own country; or their unwillingness to work at all.

The low educational level and the inferior upbringing and cultural background of young people are the consequence of insufficient commitment by teachers to the proper development of children and a lack of proper parental care, the raising of children in socially and psychologically troubled families, the lack of culturally sound leisure opportunities and the negative influence of television.

Possible ways of tackling these problems include: educational measures at the workplace; retraining courses; the provision of psychological assistance; more effective publicity about State youth programmes; training courses and seminars on youth issues; and other measures.

The report will contain information about the forum on basic employment problems faced by young people in western Ukraine and the means of tackling these problems, to be held on 8 August 2003 in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.
