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ENTERPRISING YOUNG PEOPLE

You asked for information about young people who had recently started up businesses.

There are a large number of success stories, many of which can be attributed to the Youth Training Scheme, the Enterprise Allowance Scheme and other Government-backed projects. Some that may be useful for your speeches are:

1. in Devon (aged 18) has set up a business making tarpaulins and boat covers after being made redundant by a firm of tarpaulin manufacturers. She is one of the youngest participants in the Enterprise Allowance Scheme.
2. In Wiltshire (aged 22) has started making holograms commercially, for use in shop windows and other commercial outlets and (aged 18), who used to work for a dinghy manufacturer, purchased the manufacturer's moulds and is making dinghies himself. Both of these young people are aided by the Enterprise Allowance Scheme.
3. On Friday, 13 January 1984, (aged 26) and (aged 23) lost their jobs as design-tufting assistants. said 'We were redundant, on the dole and depressed'. Ten months later the two girls had set up a textile design company in Leeds, and had won £500 in a national competition for young people starting their own businesses. They were given detailed advice on setting up a small business by the Small Firms

enough 'go' in me to begin with, but Graduate Enterprise has given me even more 'go'. So that means I have a lot of go-go'.

More examples can be provided if you wish. We could also, of course, provide more details of these cases if so required.

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