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*This Christmas...*

Students and young people across Cornwall will be at a disadvantage due to **lack of opportunities.** >>>

**How is this affecting Cornwall?**

- Disadvantaged pupils are on average 20.7 months behind
- Cornwall is ranked 142nd out of 149 authorities for school income per pupil
- In 2019, 60% of disadvantaged pupils didn't gain Maths of English GCSEs

## **This Christmas... lack of opportunities continue to affect many across the Duchy.**

Each week in December we will be highlighting issues facing the Duchy this Winter. In week one we took a deep dive into the reality of **rural isolation**, week two we looked into **in-work poverty**, week three we focused on **social housing**, and for the final week we will be discussing the impact of **lack of opportunities**.

This Christmas, students and young people across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly will be at a disadvantage due to lack of opportunities.

The employment landscape in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly is fragile and too heavily based on the tourism industry but the Vital Signs report suggested that issues arise for our young people even earlier.

Cornwall is 142nd out of 149 local authorities for school income per pupil. 60% of disadvantaged pupils in the South West didn't gain passes in GSCSE English and math in 2019, and in Cornwall disadvantaged pupils are on average 20.7 months behind.

CCF works with many alternative education groups and projects supporting NEET (Not in Education Employment or Training) young people. Through

mental health and well-being provisions, training, apprenticeships, hands-on experience, and skill development young people can start to see that their futures can be bright. [Read more.](#)

This Christmas we are asking you to help those in need by donating to our Cost of Living appeal - Poverty Hurts. If you find yourself in a position to do so, simply click the button below to donate.

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### Who your funding helps...

**Flashlight St Ives** is a community group which has been supporting the youth of St Ives, Carbis Bay and the surrounding areas since 2010. Despite its renown as a beautiful tourist destination the area has some of the highest instances of poverty. Flashlight offers a safe space for young people to meet, get advice and join projects to learn new skills and gain hands-on experience to help them on the road to employment.

**The Chalk Effect Climbing Project** uses climbing as an alternative therapy. As well as adult programmes they run specific sessions for children and young people. Sessions fill a gap for children who have been removed or excluded from schools offering a safe space for climbers to create friendships, learn new skills, adhere to guidance and boundaries, and improve their physical and mental wellbeing.

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