



INDEPENDENT
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Insecure Work

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Text of submission		<p>My son completed year 11 and went on to complete an apprenticeship. Now fully qualified he has only had short term, day by day work. This work is mostly 'sub-contracting'. In rural areas this is how most tradesmen are employed. There is little or no permanent or secure work. He has been in a position where he is making phone calls day by day to try and get a days work. This is not unlike the days, before unions, at the start of the industrial revolution when workers would have to line up at the factory gates begging for a days work. He is 24, unable to plan, unable to save, when the work stops he draws on his savings and is back to square one again. Most of his friends, as young tradesmen, are in the same position. It is taxing, defeating and has the effect of this generation only living for the moment, for the day or the week. Anything beyond that is completely uncertain because of the way they are 'employed'.</p> <p>My parents had 'real' jobs. They planned and saved and lived within their means and had a good life. My partner and I are one of very few people in our social circle that have secure jobs. This seems grossly unfair.</p> <p>I am a teacher. I see the effects everyday of insecure work. Transient families going from place to place trying to follow up some lead on some work and affordable accommodation. It is not unusual today for my students to have attended four primary schools. Families do not make long term connections. They are unable to establish a support network or friendship groups for their children. The disconnection of these students is very evident. Their parents are put on and off work creating stress and anxiety. They are on and off dole benefits in an endless cycle. It is not possible to plan a future or develop long term goals. In my experience this situation is chronic in rural areas.</p>			

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