

FUTURE-READY SKILLS COMMISSION

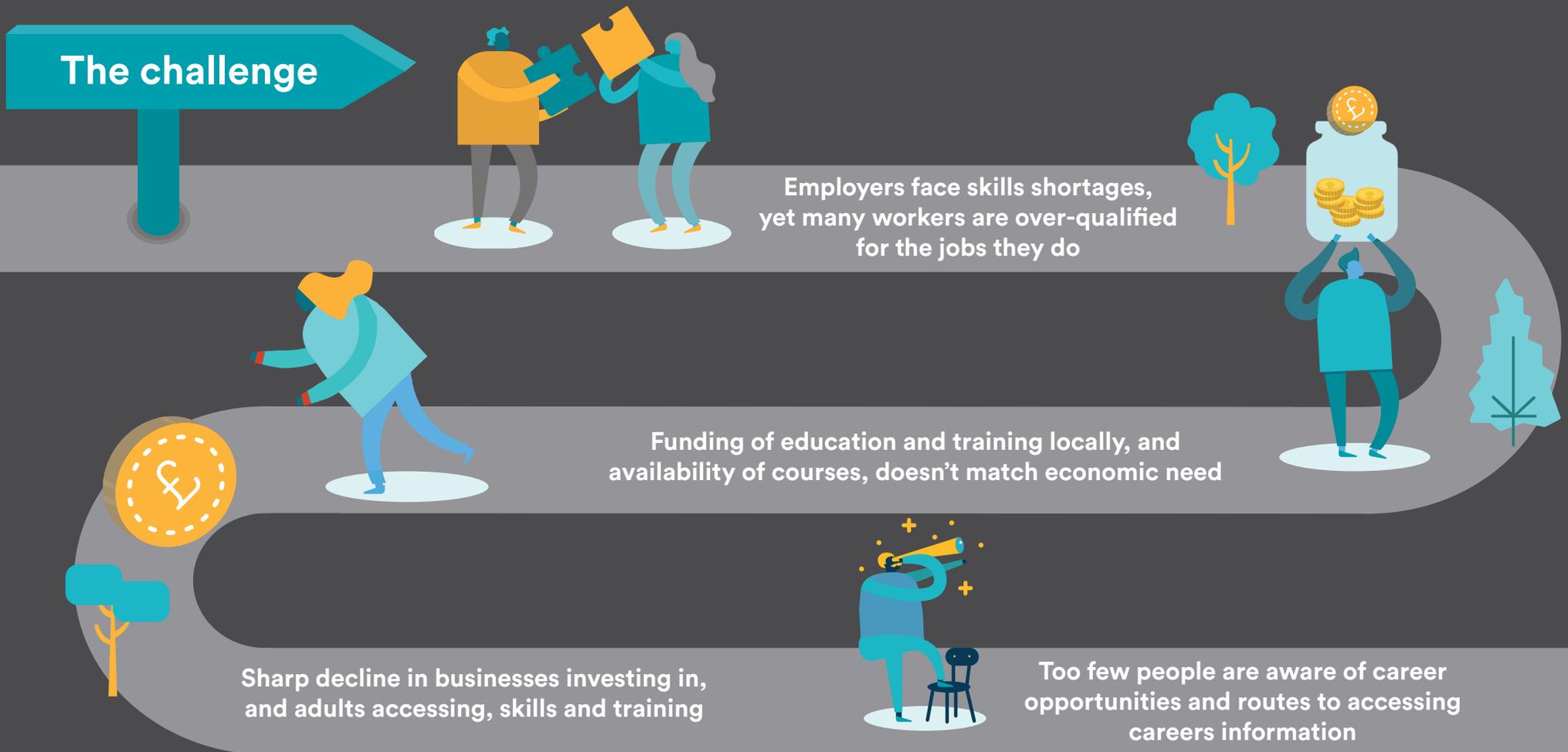
The Future-Ready Skills Commission is an independent commission of experts and leading thinkers working to create an improved skills system for the UK

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Our aim

To develop a blueprint for a devolved education and skills system so that it better meets the needs of individuals, businesses and the economy



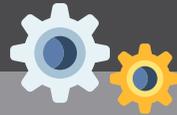
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Our focus



Improving **technical education and training** so people get the skills they need for high quality employment and to meet the needs of businesses



Enhancing **workforce skills** by creating the conditions for adults to invest in skills that meet the labour market need and employers to invest in skills for business success



Guaranteeing access to quality **careers information and inspiration** to enable better informed choices, ensuring that young people are career ready and adults can develop their careers

The opportunity of devolution

Our commission is particularly interested in how devolution can enable local areas to make decisions, armed with the knowledge of how the skills system will work best for them.

It will mean:



A skills system that responds to the needs and priorities of local regions aligned to a Local Industrial Strategy that drives economic growth.



Greater flexibility and local accountability of the system to encourage better partnership working.



This creates better value for money. Funding is distributed and managed locally and assigned to areas where it has the greatest impact.

The prize

A future-ready skills system where:



Everyone - from learners to those in-work - can access high quality education and training, and are supported to achieve their personal ambitions.



Employers of all sizes including the self-employed are able to access a skilled workforce and can continue to invest in training.



Educational Institutions are financially secure and are able to support learner's aspirations.



Labour market is flexible and dynamic, the right skills are available and people have access to quality jobs.