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Mind the Gap

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>18 to 24 (%)</th>
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<td>When nothing is occupying my attention, the first thing I do is reach</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>for my phone</td>
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<td>I check my phone at least every 30 minutes</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>The last thing I do before I go to bed is check my phone</td>
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“We are currently preparing students for jobs that don’t yet exist, using technologies that haven’t been invented yet, in order to solve problems we don’t even know are problems yet.”

Karl Fisch
Young apprentice Tanya Stittle has been crowned Apprentice of the Year, at the 2015 Microsoft Apprentice of the Year awards. Tanya, who works for mobile payment company Bango, was chosen as the winner from the hundreds of apprentices backed by Microsoft and employed by its partner businesses. Tanya is the first female winner of the award, marking a significant milestone in an industry that has traditionally failed to attract young women.
Urgent reform of skills system a priority – survey shows

on 11 Jun 2015

In a report to mark the launch of Adult Learners’ Week (13 – 19 June), NIACE warns that the Government must transform the employment and skills system to avoid a productivity crisis.