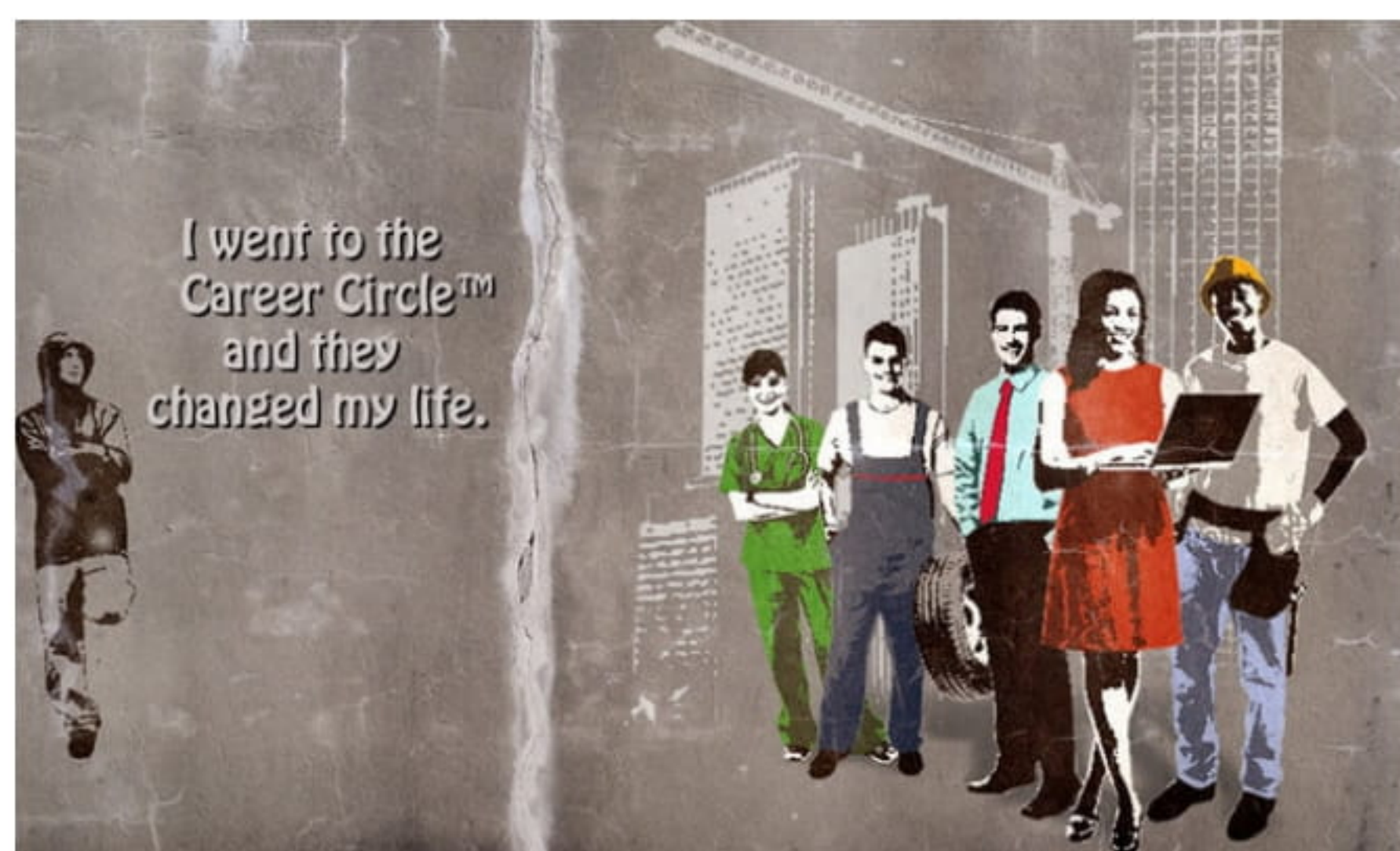


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EC initiative tackles youth unemployment

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[Youth2Work](#) is a website to help young Europeans look for work and improve their professional skills. The project is funded by the European Commission and is aimed primarily at the so-called 'Neets' (not in employment, education or training), aged 15 to 29. The site allows users to

become part of an online community that includes their fellow job seekers as well as professionals and teachers. The aim is to exchange ideas, opinions and advice and to enter the world of work. Its strength is the **free online courses**, which are interactive, dynamic and available in six languages. These aim to build up candidates' 'soft' skills. They deal with issues such as time management, setting goals and targets, as well as reflecting on the individual's strengths and weaknesses. The partner countries that have worked on the initiative are England, Portugal, Austria, Greece, Switzerland and Italy.