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Experience trumps youth

More bad news for recent graduates: small and medium-sized enterprises favour experienced workers over those who have just left university, according to a survey by FreeIndex, a UK business information website.

Of 750 users of the website, 60 per cent said experience trumped youth in terms of hiring staff – irrespective of the additional expense.

Martin Turner, managing director of FreeIndex, said it was important that businesses were getting back on track and employing more experienced people. “For skilled workers who have found themselves unemployed as a result of the economic slump, this is quite a confidence booster, particularly as many of them will be up against new graduates for jobs,” he said.