



The Community Career Centre is a collaborative effort by schools, businesses, labour, and community organizations in our province to support the career development needs of youth.

The Community Career Centre has no physical location. It exists as a virtual reality on the internet at: [www.communitycc.ca](http://www.communitycc.ca). Our strength is reflected in the collaborative efforts of our community partners.

Our goal is to work together to maximize our community's resources in helping our young people make effective career decisions and successful transitions to educational and employment opportunities.

## How You Can Help ... Program Descriptions

### Speakers' Bureau

The Speakers' Bureau is a valuable resource of interested individuals in our community who are willing to share their experiences and insights with our youth. Speakers, from a variety of businesses and community organizations, have agreed to address young people, both in our community and in our schools. Topics for discussion focus upon the speaker's personal career development and/or are related to curriculum areas.

Your involvement in our Speakers' Bureau will help our young people to make more effective career decisions, will help to make curriculum areas more relevant and will help us to better prepare our youth for the challenges that lie ahead.

### Job Shadowing Program

Our Job Shadowing Program provides participants with an opportunity to spend a full day observing different roles and responsibilities in the workplace. Our Program gives participants a chance to dialogue with people working in occupational areas that are of personal interest. This on-the-job experience provides valuable insights for our youth and helps them formulate their career interests in developing their plans for the future.

### Ask a Person with Experience E-mail Program

E-mail is a quick and efficient way of communicating with people who have similar interests both in our local communities and throughout the world.

The Ask a Person with Experience E-mail Program is designed to maximize the potential of e-mail by connecting our youth and the people who work with them to interested individuals who are prepared to answer questions on their area of expertise.

A young person who is contemplating becoming an entrepreneur would certainly benefit from communicating with someone who had started her/his own business. A teacher preparing a lesson plan on waves and wave phenomena for her Physics class would gain additional insights by dialoguing electronically with an engineer working in this field. An unemployed youth might benefit by suggestions from experienced workers as how to best enter a particular occupational area.

Participants who are willing to share their experiences and insights, "e-mail advisors", are

asked to respond to e-mail messages at their earliest convenience. We hope that in most cases responses would be forwarded within a three day time frame and could be posted on our web site for others to view.

The Ask a Person with Experience E-mail Program is not meant to be a long term advising relationship but a quick, economical and effective way to share valuable information for the benefit of our youth.

### Work Placement Learning Programs

The Community Career Centre supports a variety of work placement learning programs: Linkages, Student Work and Service Program (SWASP), Skills Link, STEP and co-operative education programs.

These programs vary in their descriptions but all have a common focus upon placing young people in real work environments so they can explore occupational areas of personal interest. The duration of the work placement varies and is determined in cooperation with interested employers.

### Why become involved?

Like most people, you are aware that our youth need support in making good career decisions and successful transitions to educational and employment opportunities.

We, as individuals and as organizations, have a responsibility to work together for the benefit of our youth. They need our help.

How well we are able to support our youth, both in our schools and in our community, will significantly impact not only their personal growth but the growth and prosperity of our entire community.

## Opportunity to Grow

You and your organization's involvement in supporting the work of the Community Career Centre will provide a number of valuable opportunities to:

- encourage and support our youth in making more effective career decisions
- contribute to helping our youth make smoother transitions to educational and employment opportunities
- communicate to young people the importance of developing, both in school and in the workplace, a work ethic based on personal excellence and its link to productivity and growth
- provide youth with a "real life" connection to occupational areas of personal interest and possibly identify potential future employees
- enhance the relevancy of educational/training curriculum by making connections with the realities of the workplace
- develop personal pride and staff morale as a result of contributing to helping young people, our leaders of tomorrow, formulate their future career plans
- demonstrate your organization's commitment to our community and your willingness to take a leadership role in helping our youth.

*"It takes an entire community to raise a child."*

## Thanks to our Community Partners

This collaborative effort to help young people to make effective career decisions is only possible because of dedicated and committed individuals in our schools, businesses, labour and community organizations.

On behalf of the youth we serve, our sincere thanks.



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## Interested in becoming involved?

Please consider this opportunity to help our youth today build a brighter future for tomorrow.

If you personally, and / or your organization, would like to be part of this community effort to help our young people develop realistic career plans please contact the Community Career Centre and / or one of our community partners.

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