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## **SUPPORTING YOUTH IN CANADA**

Young people are more than just the leaders of tomorrow; they're challenging the status quo and improving their communities and our country today.

As the most educated, connected, and diverse generation this country has ever seen, young Canadians have the energy and passion to transform Canada for the better. We're making sure they have the skills and experience they need for the jobs of today, and tomorrow.

Canada's prosperity depends on young Canadians getting the education and experience they need to succeed in today's labour market.

That is why we are proud to have invested millions to ensure youth have all the resources they need to bring Canada forward to a better future.



## **CANADA'S YOUTH POLICY**

Did you know that last year, our government launched Canada's first ever Youth Policy?

The main objectives of Canada's Youth Policy are:

- 1. To create meaningful opportunities for youth voices to be heard and respected.
- 2. To provide accessible supports that meet the evolving needs of youth.

Youth make up one third of Canada's population and in 2018 we began a national conversation with youth to learn more about the issues that impact

their lives, what kind of support they need to succeed and how they would like to be engaged. This conversation identified six areas of priority, including: leadership & impact; health & wellness; innovation, skills & learning; employment; truth & reconciliation; and environment & climate action.

Our vision is to ensure "that young people across the country are equipped to live healthy and fulfilling lives and feel empowered to create positive change for themselves, their community and the world".



## **BRINGING CANADA FORWARD TO A GREENER FUTURE**

Part of reaching an environmentally sustainable Canada is to invest in the growth of clean technology to help keep our economy thriving while lowering our environmental impact. That is why the Government is proud to announce a \$16 million investment in creating 1200 green jobs for Canadian youth in the STEM fields. These jobs are open to any STEM

graduates aged 30 or under and will last from 6-12 months. Some of the incredible opportunities include:

- Designing and implementing wind energy systems
- Developing environmental guidelines
- Improving the understanding of potential impacts of oil, gas, and forestry development.

Visit canada.ca/youth to learn more about how youth are shaping Canada and the opportunities for youth that are available through the federal government!

## SURREY CENTRE CONSTITUENCY YOUTH COUNCIL

I am extremely proud to continue to run Surrey Centre's Constituency Youth Council (CYC) again this year.

The purpose of this council is to provide both youth and the MP with an opportunity to engage in open dialogue. This is a platform for politically engaged youth to bring the issues important to them and their communities to the table amongst their peers.

Council members meet to discuss issues that matter most to them and organize community based projects to improve Surrey Centre.

Most recently the CYC has been discussing issues related to health and wellness; including a meeting with the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health.



#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS STRATEGY (YESS)

YESS is the Government of Canada's commitment to help young people, particularly those facing barriers to employment, get the information and gain the skills, work experience and abilities they need to make a successful transition into the labour market.

#### **DIGITAL SKILLS FOR YOUTH**

This timely program helps organizations create digital and informational technology related jobs for youth. The employment opportunities are meant to provide a means to develop digital and soft skills through work and training.

Roles can include web design and development, coding and app development, IT tech support, hardware repair, social media tools, and data processing and management.

# FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

This program aims to support organizations in hiring First Nations or Inuit students for summer jobs to help them earn income to support their education and gain the skills needed to prepare them for full-time employment.

The program is open to First Nations and Inuit secondary and post-secondary students who usually live on reserve in recognized communities, or on community lands.

#### **INVESTING IN YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

\$153.7 MILLION For the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy

**\$80 MILLION** For the Student Work Placement Program

\$291.6 MILLION To support student researchers and post-doctoral fellows through the federal granting

councils



#### **CANADA SUMMER JOBS IN SURREY**

The Canada Summer Jobs Program aims to support young Canadians in developing their skills and gain paid work experience to help them transition into the labour market.

Through this program, young people gain the opportunity to work in a variety of non-profit, public, and private enterprises. As of 2019, funded

The Canada Summer Jobs Program aims to support employers are not restricted to only hiring students, young Canadians in developing their skills and gain but any youth aged 15-30.

These opportunities are available in Surrey-Centre as well, and we encourage any youth interested in working over the summer, and beyond where applicable, to check out all of the incredible positions available.