

**2025 OCEA SPRING CONFERENCE**  
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**SUNDAY – APRIL 27, 2025 / LE DIMANCHE 27 AVRIL 2025**

**11:00AM-6:15PM / 11h00-18h15**

**REGISTRATION / INSCRIPTION**

**12:00PM-6:00PM / 12h00-18h00**

**EXHIBITOR'S DISPLAYS / SALON DES EXPOSANTS**

**11:30AM-1:00PM / 11h30-13h00**

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM):**  
**\*FOR STATUTORY OCEA MEMBERS ONLY\* /**  
**ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE (AGA) :**  
**\*RÉSERVÉ AUX MEMBRES STATUTAIRES DE L'AÉCO\***

All **STATUTORY** members are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). Full participation in the association is encouraged and needed for the health of our professional organization. For more information on membership with OCEA, please visit our website at <https://oceacon.ca/> and look under the heading "MEMBERSHIPS" on our home page. /

Tous les membres **STATUTAIRES** sont invités et encouragés à participer à l'AGA. La participation du plus grand nombre possible de membres est importante pour le bon fonctionnement de notre association professionnelle. Pour plus de renseignements au sujet de l'adhésion à l'AÉCO, visitez notre site Web à l'adresse <https://oceacon.ca/>, sous la rubrique « ADHESIONS ».

**1:00PM-1:15PM / 13h00-13h15**

**NUTRITION BREAK / PAUSE-SANTÉ**

**1:15PM-1:30PM / 13h15-13h30**

**LAND RECOGNITION AND OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING /**  
**RECONNAISSANCE DU TERRITOIRE ET OUVERTURE OFFICIELLE DE LA**  
**CONFÉRENCE**

**COLOUR CODES:**

We are offering colour codes to identify each workshop level throughout the conference sessions. These codes are only meant as a guide and does not reflect on anyone's level of knowledge. The colour codes being used are as follows:

**Green** = NEWer to Co-op  
**Purple** = Experienced  
**Pink** = Advanced  
**Orange** = Exhibitor  
**Blue** = All

**CODES DE COULEUR:**

Nous proposons des codes de couleur pour identifier chaque niveau d'atelier tout au long des sessions de la conférence. Ces codes n'ont qu'une valeur indicative et ne reflètent pas le niveau de connaissance de chacun. Les codes de couleur utilisés sont les suivants :

**Vert** = débutant dans l'éducation coopérative  
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**1:45PM-3:00PM / 13h45-15h00**

**PLENARY SESSION A / SESSION PLÉNIÈRE A**

A SESSIONS	PLENARY SESSION A / SESSION PLÉNIÈRE A	ROOM
<b>A1</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>	<b>WHAT DOES BEING “FUTURE READY” REALLY MEAN?</b>  <p>Creating student engagement or even thinking about the future can be a challenge, let alone helping them become ‘future ready’. With an overwhelming world of information to explore, educators need to bring something special to motivate students to build knowledge, vocational identity, and hope. But first and foremost, it is important to understand fundamentally what it means to be ‘future ready’.</p> <p>In this keynote address, Lee will inspire with his unique personal story about his journey from being a future paleontologist/football player to his current role in an industry that didn’t exist when he was a child. The velocity of change is accelerating. The world 10 years from now will be completely different from the world today. What is it that we need to be ‘ready’ for an uncertain future?</p> <p>Lee Taal is a TEDx, public speaker and entrepreneur and founder and CEO of the 2017 EdTech of the Year, ChatterHigh. With a diverse career background in science, military, transportation, technology and business, Lee works with youth, educators and schools across Canada to help them broaden their horizons, get informed and excited about the future!</p>	
<b>A2</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<p><b>EXHIBITOR’S DISPLAYS:</b> <i>Select this workshop to visit the Exhibitors and acknowledge their contributions to Cooperative Education and other forms of Experiential Learning. Learn what resources and services they have for you, professionally and personally. Participate in any draw they may have. Bring materials and information back to your school to share with colleagues. /</i></p> <p><b>SALON DES EXPOSANTS :</b> <i>Profitez de l'occasion pour visiter les différents kiosques des exposants et reconnaître leur contribution à l'éducation coopérative et à l'apprentissage par l'expérience. Découvrez les nouvelles ressources et les services qu'ils ont à vous offrir, tant sur le plan professionnel que personnel. Participez aux différents tirages et procurez-vous la nouvelle documentation afin de la partager avec vos collègues à votre retour dans votre communauté d'apprenants.</i></p>	

**3:00PM-3:15PM / 15:h00-15:h15**

**NUTRITION BREAK / PAUSE-SANTÉ**

**3:15PM-4:30PM / 15:h15-16h:30**

**SESSION B WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS DE SESSION B**

B SESSIONS	WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS	ROOM
<b>B1</b>  <b>Vert = débutant dans l'éducation coopérative</b>  <b>Bleu = tous</b>	<p><b>NOUVELLE RESSOURCE: COMMENT PLANIFIER LA COMPOSANTE SCOLAIRE EN COOP: L'INTÉGRATION DES EXPÉRIENCES D'APPRENTISSAGE EN ÉDUCATION COOPÉRATIVE</b></p> <p>Cet atelier permettra aux participantes et participants d'explorer et de planifier avec la ressource créée par l'AÉCO pour l'intégration de l'apprentissage en éducation coopérative. Cette ressource vise à remplacer et à mettre à jour celle de 2004, conçue avant la mise en place du nouveau curriculum en éducation coopérative.</p> <p>Pendant l'atelier, les enseignantes et enseignants auront l'occasion de partager leurs pratiques réussies, de créer des liens entre les besoins de leurs élèves et les composantes scolaires du programme, et d'adapter la ressource tout en se familiarisant avec les activités proposées.</p> <p><i>Roman Nowak, Enseignant en éducation coopérative, Directeur général - français de l'AÉCO, Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien</i></p>	

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<b>B2</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>FROM EXPERIENCE TO EVIDENCE: HELPING STUDENTS CAPTURE AND APPLY THEIR SKILLS</b>  <p>As students move through school and life, they develop valuable skills connected to their interests and future goals. Skills and competencies are the new currency in post-secondary education and employment, but students need support in recognizing, documenting, and applying what they've learned through experiential opportunities.</p> <p>This session will explore how myBlueprint can help students track their skill development and apply the Experiential Learning Cycle—Do, Reflect, Apply—to programs like OYAP, SHSM, and Co-op. Educators will discover tools to help students build a personal skills portfolio, boost self-awareness, and transition with confidence.</p> <p>We'll also highlight how myBlueprint's course selection tools can be used to promote Co-op and SHSM, helping students build long-term high school plans that integrate experiential learning.</p> <p><i>Brad Booker, Partner Success Manager, myBlueprint and Nomi Jain, Partner Success Manager and Strategy, myBlueprint</i></p>	
<b>B3</b>  <b>Purple = Experienced</b>	<b>SKILLS ONTARIO: WAYS TO INCLUDE AND HONOUR ALL STUDENTS, PATHWAYS AND LEARNERS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS</b>  <p>For over 15 years, Dufferin-Peel CDSB students accessing Alternative Curriculum have been included as competitors in the Board's Regional Secondary Technology Skills Competition. These competitions have played a crucial role in supporting students by providing opportunities to build and enhance their skill set and resume, preparing them for competitive future employment. Join us to discover the motivation and methods behind this initiative. You'll gain insights from educators, learn about event preparation and organization and explore how implementing these competitions can foster confidence and employment readiness skills for all learners.</p> <p><i>Teresa Abbruscato, Consultant, Special Education and Learning Services, Dufferin-Peel CDSB and Kristie Boily, Consultant, Special Education and Learning Services, Dufferin-Peel CDSB</i></p>	
<b>B4</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>AI/CHAT GPT AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION!</b>  <p>This workshop will explore the use of AI in education and highlighting how students and teachers are leveraging technologies to make work easier. Participants will gain insights into the benefits and challenges of integrating AI into the learning process through interactive discussions and practical examples. Please note: This description was written by Artificial Intelligence!</p> <p><i>Kari Peters, ACL Student Success/SHSM Lead/Guidance Counsellor, Toronto DSB</i></p>	
<b>B5</b>  <b>Purple = Experienced</b>  <b>Pink = Advanced</b>	<b>SHSM LEADS &amp; COACHES ROUNDTABLE</b>  <p>If you support multiple SHSM programs, you have unique challenges. Come to discuss 3 specific challenges with colleagues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Centralized vs Local: How do YOU balance central support with local program ownership?</li> <li>2. Empowerment on a Shoestring: How do you motivate the people you support?</li> <li>3. Admin Hacks: What are your best time-saving tips to get everything done?</li> </ol> <p><i>Joel Hilchey, CEO, Beanstalk Creative and Danielle Moher, SHSM Lead, Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB</i></p>	
<b>B6</b>  <b>Green = NEWer to Co-op</b>	<b>CO-OP 101</b>  <p>NEW to CO-OP? Need some direction and support to get started? Then this workshop is for you!</p> <p><i>Kimberly Leger, Lead Co-op Teacher &amp; SHSM Coordinator, Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB</i></p>	

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<p><b>B7</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>DESIGNING FOR SUCCESS 2020 (OCEA RESOURCE)</b></p> <p>This resource document replaces the former "Designing for Success 2009", to incorporate the new policy and curriculum expectations presented in "The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 11 and 12: Cooperative Education, 2018". Principals, Cooperative Education and other Experiential Learning teachers and board level educators will find this resource useful as a guideline for their own programs. School boards will also find this resource document helpful when establishing policies and procedures for the ever-expanding forms of Experiential Learning being offered across Ontario.</p> <p><i>Rebecca Gauthier, Cooperative Education Teacher, Rainbow DSB</i></p>	
<p><b>B8</b></p> <p><b>Orange = Exhibitor</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>AI-POWERED INTERVIEW PREPARATION: BUILDING CONFIDENT, CAREER-READY STUDENTS</b></p> <p>In an ever-evolving job market, it's essential to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of their future careers. Our workshop, "AI-Powered Interview Preparation: Building Confident, Career-Ready Students," introduces educators to the transformative power of AI in revolutionizing interview readiness.</p> <p>During this engaging session, participants will explore how AI tools like Resso.ai provide students with real-time video interview simulations and comprehensive coaching, creating a dynamic and interactive learning environment. These tools enable students to engage with AI in a positive and effective manner, turning interview preparation into a seamless and impactful experience that fits effortlessly into any educational setting.</p> <p>Discover the innovative features of AI-powered tools, such as the Hire Chance Score, which offers detailed evaluations of student performance in interviews. With insights into aspects like answer quality, decisiveness, filler words and sentiment, these tools deliver targeted feedback, allowing students to refine their skills and build self-confidence. The result is a generation of students who approach interviews with assurance and poise, ready to excel in any professional setting.</p> <p>By participating in this workshop, educators will be equipped to leverage AI technology to enhance their students' readiness for future careers, empowering them with the skills and confidence needed to thrive. Embrace the potential of AI and help shape the future of career preparation today.</p> <p><i>Martin Borowski, Founder, Resso.ai, Bronagh O'Rourke, Co-op &amp; SHSM Lead, Halton DSB and Rory Mackenzie, Student Experience, Resso.ai</i></p>	
<p><b>B9</b></p> <p><b>Orange = Exhibitor</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>EXHIBITOR'S DISPLAYS:</b> <i>Select this workshop to visit the Exhibitors and acknowledge their contributions to Cooperative Education and other forms of Experiential Learning. Learn what resources and services they have for you, professionally and personally. Participate in any draw they may have. Bring materials and information back to your school to share with colleagues. /</i></p> <p><b>SALON DES EXPOSANTS :</b> <i>Profitez de l'occasion pour visiter les différents kiosques des exposants et reconnaître leur contribution à l'éducation coopérative et à l'apprentissage par l'expérience. Découvrez les nouvelles ressources et les services qu'ils ont à vous offrir, tant sur le plan professionnel que personnel. Participez aux différents tirages et procurez-vous la nouvelle documentation afin de la partager avec vos collègues à votre retour dans votre communauté d'apprenants.</i></p>	
<p><b>4:45PM-6:00PM / 16:h45-18h:00</b></p>	<p><b>DELEGATES NETWORKING AND SOCIAL / DES DÉLÉGUÉS EN MATIÈRE DE RÉSEAUTAGE ET D'ACTIVITÉS SOCIALES</b></p> <p><b>SPONSORED IN PART BY: / COMMANDITÉ EN PARTIE PAR :</b>  <a href="#"><b>HALTON INDUSTRY EDUCATION COUNCIL (HIEC)</b></a></p>	

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<p>6:00PM-? / 18h:00-?</p>	<p>CONTINUE ETWORKING AND SOCIALIZING ON YOUR OWN! / CONTINUEZ À RÉSEAUTER ET À SOCIALISER PAR VOUS-MÊME !</p> <p><u>Or</u></p> <p><b>AN ADDITIONAL OPTION FOR SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 27, 2025, IS OFFERED BELOW:</b></p> <p>Please note that this is an additional cost / fee for delegates and is not affiliated with the OCEA Spring Conference 2025 registration package or OCEA. Delegates are to use the registration link provided below and register and pay via the link provided.</p> <p><b>INTERESTED DELEGATES WILL BE EMAILED WITH MORE INFORMATION.</b></p> <p>Location – <a href="#">Rouge River Brewing Company</a>        50 Bullock Drive Unit 8, Markham, Ontario L3P 3P2        TIME: 7pm – 10pm        Cost: \$43 + HST per person        Reservations are limited, so secure your spot now!        RSVP by April 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Sunday Night Social at <b>Rouge River Brewery</b> with pizza, songs and suds! Enjoy this exclusive experience at Markham's Award-Winning Brewery nestled in the Main Street Markham area.</p> <p>Your night includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Brewery Tour – A guided tour where you will learn a brief history about the brewery, about the different types of beer and how the beer is made.</li> <li>• Karaoke (from 8-10pm) – have fun singing out your favourite tunes with endless song choices!</li> <li>• Pizza buffet dinner – oven baked pizza cooked on-site at the brewery</li> <li>• 120z beverage - choose from the brewery's selection of home brews, wines and sours!</li> </ul>
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**MONDAY – APRIL 28, 2025 / LE LUNDI 28 AVRIL 2025**

7:30AM-8:30AM / 7h30-8h30	BREAKFAST / PETIT-DÉJEUNER
8:30AM-5:00PM / 8h30-17h00	REGISTRATION / INSCRIPTION
8:30AM-5:00PM / 8h00-17h00	EXHIBITOR'S DISPLAYS / SALON DES EXPOSANTS
8:30AM-8:45AM / 8h30-8h45	BREAK / PAUSE
8:45AM-9:00AM / 8h45-9h00	MORNING REMARKS / DISCOURS DU MATIN

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**9:00AM-10:00AM / 9h00-10h00**

**PLENARY SESSION C1 / SESSION PLÉNIÈRE C1**

PLENARY SESSION C1 / SESSION PLÉNIÈRE C1		ROOM
C1  Blue = All  Bleu = tous	<p><b>TOMORROW STARTS TODAY: BOLD MINDSETS, BIG IDEAS, AND THE FUTURE OF LEARNING</b></p>  <p><b>KEYNOTE: Daniel Lewis, Speaker, Storyteller, Human Centric and Leadership Expert</b></p> <p>In a world that's changing faster than ever, future-ready students aren't just those who memorize facts—they're the ones who think differently, adapt fearlessly, and take action with confidence.</p> <p>Join international speaker, entrepreneur, and storyteller Daniel Lewis for an electric, high-energy session designed to ignite mindsets, challenge perspectives, and inspire action. This isn't just another talk—it's a call to think bigger, lead bolder, and embrace the future with open arms.</p> <p><b>KEY TAKEAWAYS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🔥 Mindset Over Memorization – The future belongs to those who can think, adapt, and innovate—not just those who ace the test. Learn how to shift from knowledge-based learning to action-driven growth.</li> <li>🚀 Creativity is Your Superpower – The best ideas don't come from playing it safe. Discover how to tap into creative problem-solving, break past limits, and bring bold ideas to life.</li> <li>💡 Be the Leader of Your Own Future – Whether in school, business, or life, the most successful people take ownership of their path. Learn how to step up, take risks, and build a future on your own terms.</li> </ul> <p>The future isn't waiting. It's happening now. Are you ready? Let's make tomorrow unforgettable. 🚀</p> <p>Daniel Lewis is an award-winning entrepreneur, author, and public speaker who shares his motivational story of tragedy to triumph and his creative approach to the world. Daniel Lewis has a people-focused outlook on entrepreneurship and his experiential business tactics have garnered him and his company national recognition and many awards and honours.  <a href="https://www.iamdaniel.ca/">https://www.iamdaniel.ca/</a></p>	

**10:00AM-10:15AM / 10h00-10h15**

**SHSM STUDENT COUNCIL SHARE ABOUT LEVERAGING STUDENT LEADERS FOR SHSM PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS**

**10:15AM-10:30AM / 10h15-10h30**

**NUTRITION BREAK / PAUSE-SANTÉ**

**10:30AM-11:30AM / 10h30-11h30**

**PLENARY SESSION C2 / SESSION PLÉNIÈRE C2**

C2  Blue = All  Bleu = tous	<p><b>FUTURE SKILLS &amp; AI IN THE WORKPLACE</b></p> <p>This panel discussion will bring together industry leaders, employers, and educators to explore how AI is transforming the workforce, and the essential skills students need to succeed.</p> <p>The panel discussion will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The evolving impact of AI on workforce expectations across industries.</li> <li>- The critical skills students need to be career-ready in an AI-driven economy.</li> <li>- Best practices for integrating AI education into experiential learning.</li> </ul> <p><i>Martha Jez, Co-founder/CEO, Fair Chance Learning</i></p>	
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**BREAK / PAUSE**

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**SESSION D WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS DE SESSION D**

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<p><b>D1</b></p> <p><b>Orange = exposant</b></p> <p><b>Bleu = tous</b></p>	<p><b>RENFORCER LA RÉUSSITE PROFESSIONNELLE : EXPLORER LES RESSOURCES TFO</b></p> <p>Explorer des ressources TFO gratuites, adaptées et captivantes, sur les thèmes de la recherche d'emploi, des métiers spécialisés et des compétences essentielles pour exceller en tant qu'employé. Ces ressources, fiables et de qualité, permettront aux enseignants de renforcer la confiance de leurs élèves et de repartir avec des outils concrets et pratiques pour appuyer leurs élèves dans leur parcours professionnel.</p> <p><i>Marie-Josée Bédard, Spécialiste principale aux priorités éducatives, TFO, et Jean-Léo Pagé spécialiste de liaison aux priorités éducatives, TFO</i></p>	
<p><b>D2</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All BOARD LEADS</b></p> <p><b>Bleu = tous RESPONSABLES DES CONSEILS SCOLAIRES</b></p>	<p><b>COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL BOARD LEADS MEETING / RÉUNION DES RESPONSABLES DES CONSEILS SCOLAIRES DE L'ÉDUCATION COOPÉRATIVE</b></p> <p>Bring your questions, concerns and issues. This is your opportunity to speak with colleagues about challenges you are facing, solutions we can bring and orientations we wish to take for the future of cooperative education. Tell us how OCEA can provide future support. This is our third meeting this year. / Apportez vos questions, vos préoccupations et vos défis. C'est l'occasion de parler avec des collègues des défis auxquels vous êtes confrontés, des solutions possibles, et de nouvelles orientations que vous voyez pour l'éducation coopérative. Dites-nous comment l'AÉCO peut vous aider. Ceci est notre troisième rencontre de l'année.</p> <p><i>Hosts: Julia VanderWeerden, OCEA Director-At-Large, English et Roman Nowak, Directeur général de l'AÉCO, français</i></p>	
<p><b>D3</b></p> <p><b>Green = NEWer to Co-op</b></p> <p><b>Purple = Experienced</b></p>	<p><b>UNDERSTANDING THE APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY</b></p> <p>This workshop will help you understand the apprenticeship pathway. It is a confusing direction with many variables, options, and exceptions. Furthermore, the in-school "level" training is often confused with regular college programming, and students, parents and teachers are often tripped up at this step. This workshop will bring clarity to all your questions and help your apprenticeship-bound students set out in the right direction.</p> <p><i>David Saunders, Licensed Carpenter, Co-op Teacher / OYAP Lead, PVNCCDSB</i></p>	
<p><b>D4</b></p> <p><b>Green = NEWer to Co-op</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>HEALTH AND SAFETY: Everything a Co-op Teacher REALLY Needs to Know</b></p> <p>Fresh, timely, factual, and relevant ... engaging and lively! We'll discuss your responsibilities for keeping students safe under Provincial Co-op policy: what the policy requires you to know and do, a special focus on PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT: keeping it simple and relevant and the knowledge your students must have before their placement. Tips, advice, free resources, the very best in student safety certification, what the Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act requires – it's all here! I will bring</p>	

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	<p>my extensive health and safety experience from the working with Co-op in the area of health and safety for over 20 years and ask that you please bring your questions.</p> <p><i>Sue Boychuk, Cooperative Education Safety Specialist, Sue Boychuk Leadership</i></p>	
<b>D5</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<p><b>CHATTERHIGH: GAMIFIED ACTIVITIES FOR CAREER EXPLORATION, FINANCIAL LITERACY, SHSM CERTIFICATIONS AND MORE</b></p> <p>ChatterHigh offers free, gamified career exploration and financial literacy activities, perfect for Co-op, SHSM and Career teachers. Students discover interests, guiding co-op placements and career pathways. National competitions make learning fun while raising funds. Partnering with content authorities, ChatterHigh provides ready-to-use activities, free for all and great for SHSM government recognized certifications. Topics include taxes (CRA), budgeting (FCAC), insurance (Insurance Institute), air traffic services (NAV CANADA), advanced manufacturing (NGen), and automotive/RV careers. Engage students in meaningful, interactive learning today!</p> <p><i>Lee Taal, Founder/CEO, ChatterHigh and Laura Briscoe, Educational Consultant, ChatterHigh</i></p>	
<b>D6</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<p><b>INCLUSION AND EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS PROJECT - TRANSITIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</b></p> <p>During this workshop information will be shared on the Inclusion &amp; Employment Awareness - Transitions to Work for Students with Developmental Disabilities project, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education.</p> <p>This workshop will review current disability statistics alongside labour market needs. These facts are considered alongside what we know from ODEN's research – that most youth who have developmental and/or intellectual disabilities are leaving the school system without the necessary skills and experiences (Co-op and experiential learning) to move into competitive employment.</p> <p>To help address this gap, this project has created a series of resources for families, caregivers, students and educators. The resources include digital learning modules such as “Disability Awareness and Confidence for Educators Working with Students who have Developmental Disabilities” and “Employment The GOLD Standard For Inclusion,” Tip Sheets for Having Supportive and Courageous Conversations and Case Studies of Partnerships between Employment Service Providers and School Boards and the impact on employment outcomes for this student population.</p> <p>Participants will be introduced to these resources for educators, as well as those developed for families, caregivers and students. We will also share how to register to access these free, online resources.</p> <p><i>Ingrid Muschta, Director Special Projects &amp; Innovation, Ontario Disability Employment Network</i></p>	
<b>D7</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<p><b>PROMOTING COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PLACEMENTS IN THE SKILLED TRADES</b></p> <p>Join us for an engaging workshop on promoting Cooperative Education, where we'll explore strategies to enhance collaboration between schools and contractors. Discover how effective partnerships can enrich student learning experiences and prepare them for the workforce. Together, we'll brainstorm how to foster and support opportunities for all learners.</p> <p><i>Pasquale (Pat) Piro, Co-op Teacher, Hamilton-Wentworth CDSB and Aaron Gorka, Business Development Specialist, Maple Reinders</i></p>	

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<b>D8</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>  <b>Purple = Experienced</b>  <b>Pink = Advanced</b>	<b>CAREER CONVERSATIONS: EMPOWERING STUDENTS WITH CAREER EXPLORATION AND MENTORSHIP</b>  HIEC's Career Conversations initiative is transforming how students explore career pathways by facilitating meaningful, real-world discussions with industry professionals. This session will showcase how Career Conversations provides students with opportunities to engage in career exploration, mentorship, and experiential learning, equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions about their futures.  Educators will gain insight into the structure of the initiative, its impact on student engagement and career readiness, and how it aligns with workforce development priorities. We will also share best practices from our collaborations with schools, industry partners, and community organizations, offering practical strategies to help educators integrate career conversations into their own classrooms and student programming.  <i>Robert De Rubeis, Program Manager, ApprenticeshipSearch.com / HIEC and Michelle Murray, Director of Operations, HIEC</i>	
<b>D9</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>EXHIBITOR'S DISPLAYS:</b> Select this workshop to visit the Exhibitors and acknowledge their contributions to Cooperative Education and other forms of Experiential Learning. Learn what resources and services they have for you, professionally and personally. Participate in any draw they may have. Bring materials and information back to your school to share with colleagues. /  <b>SALON DES EXPOSANTS :</b> Profitez de l'occasion pour visiter les différents kiosques des exposants et reconnaître leur contribution à l'éducation coopérative et à l'apprentissage par l'expérience. Découvrez les nouvelles ressources et les services qu'ils ont à vous offrir, tant sur le plan professionnel que personnel. Participez aux différents tirages et procurez-vous la nouvelle documentation afin de la partager avec vos collègues à votre retour dans votre communauté d'apprenants.	

**1:00PM-2:00PM / 13h00-14h00**

**NETWORKING LUNCH / DÎNER ET RÉSEAUTAGE**

**2:00PM-3:15PM / 14h00-15h15**

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<b>E1</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>E2</b>  <b>Bleu = tous</b>	<b>L'ÉDUCATION COOPÉRATIVE ET L'INTELLIGENCE ARTIFICIELLE : COMMENT PRÉPARER NOS ÉLÈVES, COMMENT LEUR DONNER UN AVANTAGE POUR L'AVENIR</b>  Cet atelier vise à explorer les possibilités qu'offre l'intelligence artificielle (IA) dans le cadre du programme d'éducation coopérative. L'IA fait désormais partie intégrante de notre quotidien et influence de nombreux domaines. Au cours de cet atelier, nous examinerons à la fois les aspects éthiques et pratiques de l'IA afin de soutenir le développement des compétences de nos élèves et de les aider à naviguer dans un monde en constante évolution. Découvrez des exemples concrets, explorez comment l'IA transforme divers secteurs, réfléchissez à son intégration dans votre enseignement et progressez dans votre développement professionnel sur un sujet d'actualité ayant un impact direct sur la vie des jeunes.  <i>Roman Nowak, Enseignant en éducation coopérative, Directeur général - français de l'AÉCO, Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien</i>	

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<p><b>E3</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>GECD SB AND UBC LOCAL 494 ENHANCED CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>During this workshop we will share details of the partnership between the GECD SB and UBC Local 494 that support students through CO-OP, SHSM, and OYAP. We run a school out of the Local 494 Hall that brings a construction teacher, English teacher, and Math teacher so students receive an immersive experience in the Skilled Trades. We will also provide details of a similar Pilot project with IBEW 773 starting in September 2025.</p> <p><i>Jason Lepain, OYAP/Co-op Coordinator, Greater Essex County DSB, Logan Kane, Area Training Manager, UBC Local 494, Trent Durcoher, OYAP/SHSM Support, Greater Essex County DSB and Justin St. Pierre, SHSM Board Lead, Greater Essex County DSB</i></p>	
<p><b>E4</b></p> <p><b>Orange = Exhibitor</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>unlearn. - CRITICAL THINKING BY DESIGN</b></p> <p>In an AI/Tech world, attention is the new commodity. Competing with the constant barrage of movies, YouTube shorts, and social media platforms requires us to unlearn traditional education methods.</p> <p>In this interactive workshop, Abhi will demonstrate how design/visual images can enhance students critical thinking skills to better prepare them for future careers. Abhi will also demonstrate how unlearn designs are being used to support SHSM Anti-Oppression and Allyship programming.</p> <p>Participants will gain strategies and best practices for creating inclusive learning environments that acknowledge and value diverse perspectives. Join us to unlearn outdated paradigms, embrace innovative approaches, and build supportive environments where every student feels a sense of belonging and can thrive in their chosen pathway. To learn more visit <a href="https://unlearn.com">unlearn.com</a>.</p> <p><i>Abhi Ahluwalia, Founder of unlearn.</i></p>	
<p><b>E5</b></p> <p><b>Orange = Exhibitor</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>JILL OF ALL TRADES: HOW WE PROMOTE CAREERS IN SKILLED TRADES TO FEMALE STUDENTS</b></p> <p>This workshop will describe the “Jill of All Trades” initiative and other supporting activities led by Conestoga College aimed at promoting careers in the skilled trades to female students. Participants will learn more about opportunities for their students to engage in activities that already exist and/or how they could see a “Jill of All Trades” event hosted in their region.</p> <p><i>Rosie Hessian, Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies &amp; Director, Jill of All Trades, Conestoga College and Scott Verhoeve, Program Manager, Conestoga College</i></p>	
<p><b>E6</b></p> <p><b>Green = NEWer to Co-op</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>HOW TO SURVIVE AS A CO-OP TEACHER</b></p> <p>Are you new / newer to Co-op? Then join this workshop and let's discuss the "musts" for getting a successful Co-op program off the ground and share best practices. This session is led by an experienced Co-op teacher and is intended for new / newer Co-op teachers but experienced teachers looking to share advice are more than welcome to join!</p> <p><i>Kevin Kokerus, Cooperative Education Teacher, Halton DSB</i></p>	
<p><b>E7</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>WORKING WITH SPECIAL NEEDS COOPERATIVE EDUCATION STUDENTS</b></p> <p>This presentation will give first-hand, real-life experience of a self-contained Cooperative Education program for students with special needs. Join this workshop to learn about a working structure that promotes and prepares students for the world of work. The mainstream school has a community pathways program of 60 students with 23 Educational Assistants.</p> <p><i>Geoff Sheppard, Community Pathways Co-op Self-Contained Classroom Teacher, Halton DSB</i></p>	

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<p><b>E9</b></p> <p><b>Orange = Exhibitor</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>EXHIBITOR'S DISPLAYS:</b> <i>Select this workshop to visit the Exhibitors and acknowledge their contributions to Cooperative Education and other forms of Experiential Learning. Learn what resources and services they have for you, professionally and personally. Participate in any draw they may have. Bring materials and information back to your school to share with colleagues. /</i></p> <p><b>SALON DES EXPOSANTS :</b> <i>Profitez de l'occasion pour visiter les différents kiosques des exposants et reconnaître leur contribution à l'éducation coopérative et à l'apprentissage par l'expérience. Découvrez les nouvelles ressources et les services qu'ils ont à vous offrir, tant sur le plan professionnel que personnel. Participez aux différents tirages et procurez-vous la nouvelle documentation afin de la partager avec vos collègues à votre retour dans votre communauté d'apprenants.</i></p>	
<p><b>OFF-SITE INDUSTRY TOURS</b>  <b>2:00PM-4:45PM / 14h45-16h45</b></p>		
<p><b>E10</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>SPORTS - INDUSTRY TOUR (capped at 40 delegates)</b></p> <p>Join this tour to visit various sports-related venues in Markham to learn more about these facilities and the Co-op opportunities in the sports and recreation sector.</p> <p>Spaces are limited so sign up early to confirm your spot! Travel provided by Destination Markham</p>	
<p><b>E11</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>HOSPITALITY - INDUSTRY TOUR (Sheraton Parkway and Best Western Toronto North Hotel) – (capped at 40 delegates)</b></p> <p>Register for this Industry Tour to learn about co-op opportunities and careers in the hospitality industry! Hospitality co-op can include a variety of functions/departments for students interested in hospitality as a career in areas such as culinary/kitchen; front desk/guest services agent; health club front desk attendant, Starbucks and business areas such as human resources.</p> <p>We also have some opportunities which have been beneficial for the PEAK co-op students. PEAK is the Pathways to Employment and Applied Knowledge program, which is offered in York Region and is a transition program designed for senior secondary school students and serves as a bridge from school to adult life options including work, college vocational programs and community participation.</p> <p>Please join us for a tour of the various areas where we can typically host students from PEAK, SHSM or other co-op programs to get an idea of what the environments are like, and what type of tasks can be accomplished by the students.</p> <p>As we tour through the various areas of the hotel, including both Sheraton and Best Western front desks, our 25,000 sq. foot health and racquet club, kitchen, laundry and human resources, we can discuss the various opportunities that can be provided to students of the various co-op programs and see some of our staff, and perhaps some existing co-op students in their daily routines. Spaces are limited so sign up early to confirm your spot!</p> <p><i>Staff at Sheraton Parkway and Best Western Toronto North Hotel</i></p>	

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<b>E12</b>	<b>FARM TO TABLE - INDUSTRY TOUR – (capped at 40 delegates)</b>	
<b>Blue = All</b>	Join this tour to visit various farms in Markham, including Honey Hills Farms and Fresh Heads Farms to learn more about these sustainable businesses and Co-op opportunities. There will also be some time to shop in the locally sourced artisan store!	
	Spaces are limited so sign up early to confirm your spot! Travel provided by Destination Markham.	

**3:15PM-3:30PM / 15h15-15h30**

**NUTRITION BREAK / PAUSE-SANTÉ**

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**SESSION F WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS DE SESSION F**

<b>F SESSIONS</b>	<b>WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
<b>F1</b>	<b>OGAPE : NOUVELLE INTERFACE UTILISATEUR</b>	
<b>Bleu = tous</b>	Cet atelier portera sur la nouvelle interface utilisateur et ses nouvelles fonctions. La nouvelle interface utilisateur d'OGAPE sera puissante et offrira des solutions rentables. Notre application unique pour les programmes d'apprentissage par l'expérience inclura une fonction de signature électronique. Venez découvrir la nouvelle interface utilisateur et les fonctionnalités à venir!  <i>Jennifer Beaulieu-Bélanger, Coordinatrice d'OGAPE, Le Centre franco</i>	
<b>F2</b>	<b>EMPOWERING CHANGE: ADVOCATING FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION TO STRENGTHEN SCHOOL PROGRAMS / ÊTRE AGENT DE CHANGEMENT : PROMOUVOIR ET RENFORCER LE PROGRAMME D'ÉDUCATION COOPÉRATIVE DANS NOS ÉCOLES (BILINGUAL SESSION / ATELIER BILINGUE)</b>	
<b>Blue = All / Bleu = tous</b>	In this session, participants will collaborate to develop strategies not only to promote the cooperative education program in their schools but also to advocate for the necessary resources, funding, and staffing at both the school and board levels. Participants will explore ministerial guidelines, examine their implications, and identify actionable ways to ensure that these essential experiential learning programs are well-supported, widely promoted, and set up for success in every region of the province. /  Dans cet atelier, les participantes et les participants collaboreront pour élaborer des stratégies visant non seulement à promouvoir le programme d'éducation coopérative dans leurs écoles, mais aussi à défendre la nécessité des ressources, du financement et du personnel nécessaires aux niveaux scolaire. Les participants exploreront les exigences ministérielles, analyseront leurs implications et détermineront des moyens concrets pour garantir que ces programmes essentiels d'apprentissage par l'expérience soient bien soutenus, largement promus et prêts à s'épanouir dans toutes les régions de la province.  <i>Roman Nowak, Enseignant en éducation coopérative, Directeur général - français de l'AÉCO, OCEA Director-At-Large - Francophone, Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien</i>	
<b>F3</b>	<b>GEAR UP: STORY-DRIVEN TOOLS FOR CO-OP STUDENT SUCCESS</b>	
<b>Blue = All</b>	Looking for easy-to-use resources that align with Co-op curriculums and prepare students for the world of work? Over the last few years, Edge Factor has filmed at 400+ companies in Ontario and built extensive libraries of career media, interactive student activities, and teacher lesson plans—all focused on making students future ready. Explore our Soft Skills series on Employability, Ethics, Resume Writing, and Interview Techniques, along with Co-op Curriculum aligned pages, personalized interest assessments that match students' interests to careers, and a variety of promotional tools for Co-op and OYAP. Join this session to discover these story-driven resources and get a chance to win some awesome prizes!  <i>Larissa Hofman, Vice President, Edge Factor and Carmine Romano, Education Liaison/Edge Factor</i>	

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<b>F4</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND LEGAL ISSUES (OCEA RESOURCE)</b>  In this workshop, we will explore the Ethical Guidelines and Legal Issues (OCEA Resource) to raise awareness of the resource, understand its purpose, and learn how to apply it to make informed decisions on the legal and ethical issues educators face when implementing co-op and experiential learning opportunities. This will be an interactive session, offering opportunities for engagement and discussion.  <i>Jenny Garrett, Co-op Teacher, Dufferin-Peel CDSB and Barb Omland, Co-op Teacher, Upper Grand DSB</i>	
<b>F5</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>THE SOY ADVANTAGE: TRANSITION TO THE TRADES</b> <b>(Note: this is a duplicate session from E8)</b>  Join Support Ontario Youth (SOY) for an exploration into Apprenticeship and how to support students through their journey. SOY provides information to help staff educators, students and parents better understand and navigate the apprenticeship pathway. SOY is positioned to provide transitional support to high school graduates who have identified skilled trades as their post-secondary pathway. SOY is a one stop shop for try a trade bootcamps and trades readiness workshops to help support candidates in their search for apprenticeship opportunities.  <i>Lori Rice, Program Manager and Linda Alati, Program Manager, Support Ontario Youth (SOY)</i>	
<b>F6</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>CO-OP "HACKS"</b>  Do you have a great resource or "hack" for running a successful Co-op program? If you do, then join this workshop! During this informal forum we will discuss how to be better Co-op educators and how to run a successful program for students and supervisors.  <i>Kevin Kokerus, Cooperative Education Teacher, Halton DSB</i>	
<b>F7</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>COMMUNITY PATHWAYS CO-OP LEARNING</b>  The presentation will highlight a functioning Special Needs Co-op program within a mainstream school. The program is set up to meet two levels of cooperative educational development from in-school training to out-of-school placements. There will be time to share your experiences and challenges you face in your programs.  <i>Geoff Sheppard, C.P.P. Self-Contained Classroom Teacher, Halton DSB</i>	
<b>F8</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>HOUR REPUBLIC: TRACKING CO-OP FORMS, HOURS, AND PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES ONLINE</b>  Students and teachers are drowning in paperwork and require the tools and resources to be efficient. Hour Republic allows students and teachers to track and manage Co-op forms, learning plans, hours, and activities online with e-signatures and much more.  <i>Popy Dimoulas-Graham, Founder, Hour Republic</i>	
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BREAKFAST / PETIT-DÉJEUNER

8:00AM-11:45AM / 8h00-11h45

REGISTRATION / INSCRIPTION

8:00AM-1:30PM / 8h00-13h30

EXHIBITOR'S DISPLAYS / SALON DES EXPOSANTS

8:30AM-8:45AM / 8h30-8h45

BREAK / PAUSE

8:45AM-9:00AM / 8h45-9h00

MORNING REMARKS / DISCOURS DU MATIN

**9:00AM-10:15AM / 9h00-10h15**

**PLENARY SESSION G / PLÉNIÈRE DE SESSION G**

G SESSIONS	PLENARY SESSION G	ROOM
G1	Candice White, Chief Executive Officer and Registrar, Skilled Trades Ontario  TBD	
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10:15AM-10:30AM / 10h15-10h30

BREAK / PAUSE

**10:30AM-11:45AM / 10h30-11h45**

**SESSION H WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS DE SESSION H**

H SESSIONS	WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS	ROOM
H1  Green = NEWer to Co-op  Blue = All	CO-OP CLASSROOM COMPONENT: PRE-PLACEMENT LESSON PLANS FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION 2023©  This NEWest resource is for OCEA members only especially, for NEW Co-op teachers. Workshop participants will get an overview of this extensive resource and how it could support their own Co-op Classroom Component. We will touch on some of the lessons for students as they prepare for their Co-op placement in the community (Strand A: Health, Safety, Well-Being, Planning and Preparing, and Initial Requirements).  <i>Pasquale (Pat) Piro, Cooperative Education Teacher, Hamilton-Wentworth CDSB</i>	

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<b>H2</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>MTEL: NEW USER INTERFACE</b>  <p>This workshop will focus on the new user interface (UI) and its new functions. MTEL's new UI will be powerful and will offer cost-effective solutions. Our one stop shop application for experiential learning programs will now include an electronic signature feature. Come and see the new UI and the functions to come!</p> <p><i>Jennifer Beaulieu-Bélanger, MTEL Coordinator, Le Centre franco</i></p>	
<b>H3</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>ENGAGE &amp; REFLECT: INTEGRATING EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING STRATEGIES IN THE CLASSROOM</b>  <p>This interactive workshop is designed for educators looking to enrich their teaching practices through experiential learning and reflection. Participants will explore various hands-on activities and real-world applications to foster deeper student engagement and understanding. The workshop will also cover effective reflection techniques to help students connect their experiences to their learning, promoting critical thinking and personal growth. By the end of the session, educators will leave with practical strategies to implement in their classrooms, creating dynamic and meaningful learning environments.</p> <p><i>Karen O'Meara, Experiential Learning Consultant, York Region DSB, Erin Keyzers, OYAP Recruiter, York Region DSB and Sonya Kim, Curriculum Consultant, Pathways, York Region DSB</i></p>	
<b>H4</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>	<b>EMPOWERING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS THROUGH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE</b>  <p>This workshop aims to foster a deeper understanding of emotional intelligence and its vital role in educational settings. Participants will explore strategies to enhance self-awareness, empathy, and effective communication, creating a nurturing environment that promotes personal and student success. Through interactive activities, discussions, and practical exercises, teachers will learn to recognize and manage student emotions, build stronger relationships, and handle challenges with resilience and confidence. By cultivating emotional intelligence, we not only improve classroom dynamics but also prepare individuals to navigate the complexities of life with greater ease and compassion. Join us for an enlightening experience that equips you to leverage the power of emotional intelligence (EQ) for a more vibrant and connected future in education.</p> <p><i>Dr. Shar Rai and Andrea Bosco, Co-founders and Directors, The Empowerment Project</i></p>	
<b>H5</b>  <b>Purple = Experienced</b>	<b>ULTRA-FAST SHSM YEAR PLAN</b>  <p>There's a LOT to coordinate to make SHSM great – community partners, awesome programming, promotional campaigns – all while keeping numbers up and completion rates high. Join us for a super-fast and fun planning session that uses simple tools and resources. Get beyond administrative confusion and have your best SHSM year yet!</p> <p><i>Joel Hilchey, CEO, Beanstalk Creative, Mark Phillips, Co-op Teacher, CSC Providence and Sonia Janik-Corvinelli, Co-op Teacher / Subject Council Chair, SHSM Lead Teacher, Dufferin-Peel CDSB</i></p>	
<b>H6</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>VECTOR SOLUTIONS - CO-OP HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING PLATFORM</b>  <p>The Vector Solutions online platform is an effective tool for delivering health and safety awareness training for co-op students. Vector Solutions offers content which is relevant to a variety of workplace sectors and aligns with Federal and Provincial standards. The interactive modules effectively keep students engaged, contain intuitive class management tools for teachers and work well on both PC and mobile platforms.</p> <p><i>Silvio Bin, Co-op IRT, Simcoe County DSB and The Vector Sales Team</i></p>	

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<b>H7</b>  <b>Orange = Exhibitor</b>  <b>Blue = All</b>	<b>OYAP HOST SCREENING - WOULD YOU WORK THERE?</b>  This workshop, delivered by an industrial HS professional will: - review occupational health and safety hazard and control concepts within typical OYAP workplaces - give guidance on what to look for - make OYAP coordinators more comfortable with recommendations  <i>Elizabeth Lofthouse, Senior Consultant, Health &amp; Safety, Workplace Safety &amp; Prevention Services and Pat Dinsmore, H&amp;S Consultant, Workplace Safety &amp; Prevention Services</i>	
<b>H8</b>  <b>Vert = débutant dans l'éducation coopérative</b>	<b>PAJO 101</b>  Le Programme d'apprentissage pour les jeunes de l'Ontario (PAJO) offre aux élèves l'occasion d'explorer les métiers spécialisés et débiter leur cheminement vers la voie de l'apprentissage. Cet atelier vous offrira un survol des éléments essentiels du programme PAJO, les bienfaits qui en découlent, ainsi qu'appuyer avec l'identification d'un élève PAJO participant, un élève PAJO inscrit, puis le Niveau 1. Vous serez alors mieux outillé pour bien appuyer vos élèves PAJO sur la voie du succès!  <i>Alain Boucher, Conseiller pédagogique aux cycles intermédiaire et supérieur - volet éducation coopérative, PAJO, MHS, CSC du NouvelION et Nancy Côté, Coordinatrice des initiatives 7e - 12e, CSC des Grandes Rivières</i>	
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**11:45AM-12:00PM / 11h45-12h00**

**NUTRITION BREAK / PAUSE-SANTÉ**

**12:00PM-1:15PM / 12h00-1h15**

**SESSION I WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS DE SESSION I**

I SESSIONS	WORKSHOPS / ATELIERS	ROOM
<b>I1</b>  <b>Bleu = tous</b>	<b>TABLE RONDE FRANCOPHONE : COMMENT TROUVER D'EXCELLENTS PARTENARIATS MHS ET STAGES COOPÉRATIFS EN FRANÇAIS</b>  Se connecter avec des partenaires et des stages francophones ouvre la porte à des expériences d'apprentissage enrichissantes. Cette table ronde invite les participants à échanger des idées, découvrir des meilleures pratiques et voir comment d'autres enseignants renforcent leurs programmes tout en restant fidèles à leur langue.  <i>Mickaël Girouard, Facilitator, Beanstalk Creative, Ronald Fillion, Conseiller pédagogique des dossiers secondaires, Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord et Mark Phillips, COOP/PAJO et MHS, ÉSC Saint-François Xavier - CSC Providence</i>	

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<p><b>I3</b></p> <p><b>Green = NEWer to Co-op</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>CONNECTING SHSM TO CO-OP</b></p> <p>How does CO-OP connect to SHSM, and how does SHSM connect to CO-OP? Learn how your CO-OP program can build capacity within the SHSM sectors of your school and learn how your SHSM program can build capacity for your CO-OP students!</p> <p><i>Kimberly Leger, Lead Co-op Teacher &amp; SHSM Coordinator, Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB</i></p>	
<p><b>I4</b></p> <p><b>Green = NEWer to Co-op</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>OYAP 1, 2, 3 + FAST!</b></p> <p>The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) has 1-2-3 levels of opportunities for students to explore careers and get started on their apprenticeships. This energetic workshop will remodel your thinking, build up your understanding, and rev your Cooperative Education engine to help your students on their road to success! The new OYAP-FAST will also be discussed.</p> <p><i>Matthew Bradley, OYAP Coordinator, Toronto DSB</i></p>	
<p><b>I5</b></p> <p><b>Orange = Exhibitor</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>FUTURE-READY EDUCATION: IMPLEMENTING AI TRAINING WITHIN SHSM FRAMEWORKS</b></p> <p>Discover the cutting-edge AI tools and methodologies shaping today's world, from advanced algorithms to predictive systems. We will explore where this technology is headed in the not-so-distant future. This workshop dives into how AI is transforming job markets across industries and why teaching AI within Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs is critical for preparing students for future careers. Educators will gain insights into aligning AI education with SHSM sectors, leveraging InTempo's hands-on strategies and soft certifications to equip students with essential, future-ready skills for a rapidly evolving tech landscape.</p> <p><i>Taj Sarin, Lead AI Consultant and Founder, Tempus Innovation Corp</i></p>	
<p><b>I6</b></p> <p><b>Purple = Experienced</b></p>	<p><b>GROWING A SUCCESSFUL SHSM</b></p> <p>Are you interested in facilitating an amazing SHSM program that will give your students sector specific, rich experiences that will naturally attract students to the program? If so, this workshop may be for you! You will be exposed to the natural flow of a successful SHSM year at-a-glance, student led marketing experiences, capacity building experiences, and easy to plan certifications and tracking sheets, plus, even orchestrating your own Sector-Partnered Experience! Invest in this workshop with the goal to make your SHSM even better and leave with a tool kit of ideas that are easy to implement.</p> <p><i>Sonia Janik-Corvinelli, Co-op Teacher, Co-op Subject Council Chair, SHSM Lead Teacher, Dufferin-Peel CDSB and Joel Hilchey, CEO, Beanstalk Creative</i></p>	

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<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>PROMOTING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CO-OP PROGRAM: DYNAMIC STRATEGIES FOR SCHOOL-WIDE ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <p>This workshop will provide Co-op educators with innovative, hands-on strategies to promote their high school Co-op programs and increase student engagement. Participants will learn how to effectively utilize in-class presentations, dynamic "OYAP Lunch and Learns," and school-wide assemblies to raise awareness about the opportunities and benefits of Co-op. In addition, we will explore the power of video campaigns to showcase Co-op success stories and inspire students through engaging, shareable content.</p> <p>Educators will also dive into creating a visually appealing and interactive <b>Canva</b> poster campaign to boost visibility across the school. By implementing these multifaceted strategies, participants will be equipped with a toolkit to generate excitement, increase program participation, and foster school-wide support.</p> <p>Participants are encouraged to bring their laptops and digital photos of their Co-op students, at their placements, to assist in creating a visually appealing and interactive <b>Canva</b> poster campaign.</p> <p><i>Daniel Shafransky, Co-op Teacher, Toronto DSB and Rhoda de Guzman, Co-op Teacher, Toronto DSB</i></p>	
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Green = NEWer to Co-op</b></p> <p><b>Blue = All</b></p>	<p><b>PROTECTING THE CO-OP EDUCATION EXPERIENCE</b></p> <p>Attention Cooperative Education Teachers! – This session will provide an overview of OSBIE's liability insurance coverage and risk management strategies for Cooperative Education programs. Who should attend? Any school board employee with connections to Cooperative Education.</p> <p><i>Julie Welsh, Risk Management Specialist, OSBIE</i></p>	
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