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# Help Shape the Future of Skilled Trades in Ontario

Join the **Skilled Trades Regional Networks** to help your students connect with meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities in the skilled trades.

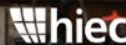
Through local partnerships, we're building stronger connections between industry and education — and setting students up for success!

## Sign Up for a Network

Join your Regional Network to connect with local employers.



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# Inspire Career Exploration with the Ontario Career Lab

## BRING CAREER CONVERSATIONS TO YOUR STUDENTS

Book a session to connect your Grade 9 and 10 students with individuals from diverse industries and occupations who share their career journeys—sparking curiosity and exploration.

**Book a Session Today!**

Learn more and book a session today at  
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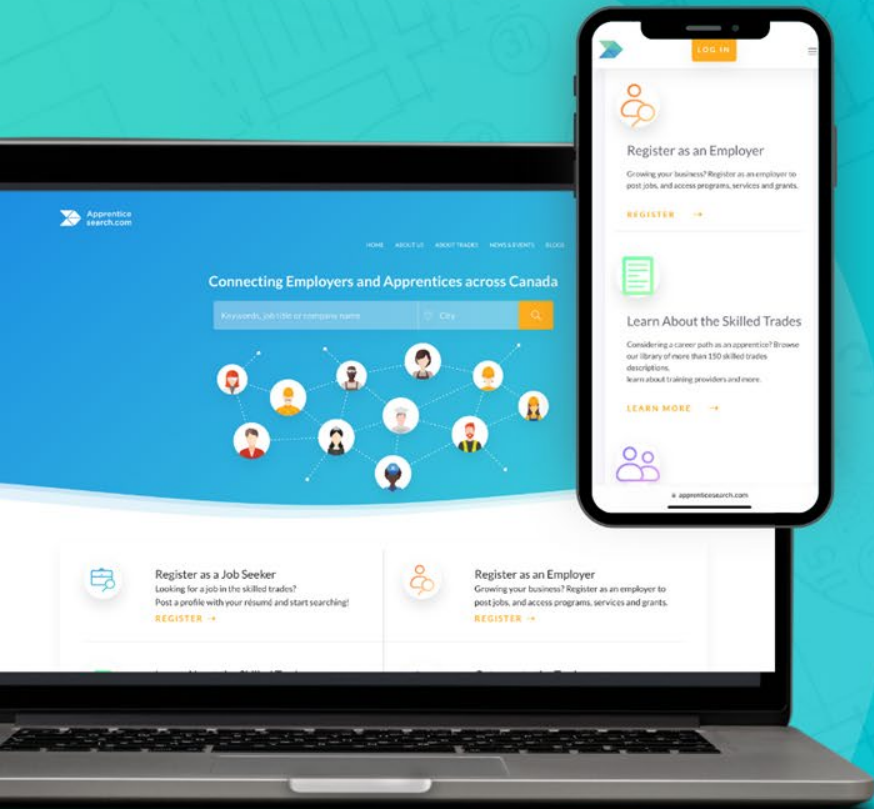
# Apprentice search.com

## CONNECTING EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES ACROSS CANADA

ApprenticeSearch.com is a FREE online service tailored to matching employers and apprentices in the skilled trades, as well as offering programs and services to connect job seekers to the apprenticeship pathway.

### Learn More

Scan the QR code to learn more, or register on Apprenticesearch.com



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# VIRTUAL CAREER CONVERSATIONS

**Daily webinars featuring guest speakers  
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## NEVER MISS A SESSION

Join our mailing list to get  
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## *Inspiring Informed Career Decisions for 35 Years*



35 years of **building connections** between educators, employers, and youth



Delivers **career awareness** and development programming



Facilitates meaningful **experiential learning** opportunities

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**LiUNA!** LOCAL 183  
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**183training.com**

With state-of-the-art facilities and experienced instructors, the Training Centre delivers a wide range of programs, including Apprenticeship Programs, Construction Skills Programs, and Health and Safety Programs. Emphasizing real-world application, trainees gain experience using modern equipment and techniques that reflect current industry standards.

LiUNA Local 183 Training Centre works closely with contractors, employers, and industry partners to ensure its programs align with workforce demands. Its mission is to build a highly skilled, safety-focused workforce while supporting career advancement and long-term employment opportunities for its members across the province.

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Niagara College is in the heart of the Niagara Region – just minutes from one of the world's most well-known tourism destinations – Niagara College offers over 120 innovative programs between our state-of-the-art campuses in Welland and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

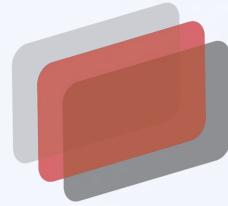
Together our campuses provide unique living laboratories and top-notch facilities that deliver hands-on applied learning opportunities, world-class applied research, and smaller class sizes in an intimate and friendly environment. Canada's leader in applied, experiential learning, Niagara College offers its students a breadth of programs that reflect and respond to the key sectors of our region, our province and the broader global economy.



# Niagara College

[niagaracollege.ca](http://niagaracollege.ca)

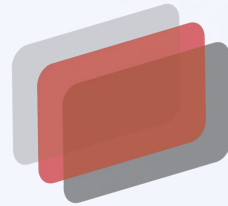
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[learn-it.ca](https://learn-it.ca)

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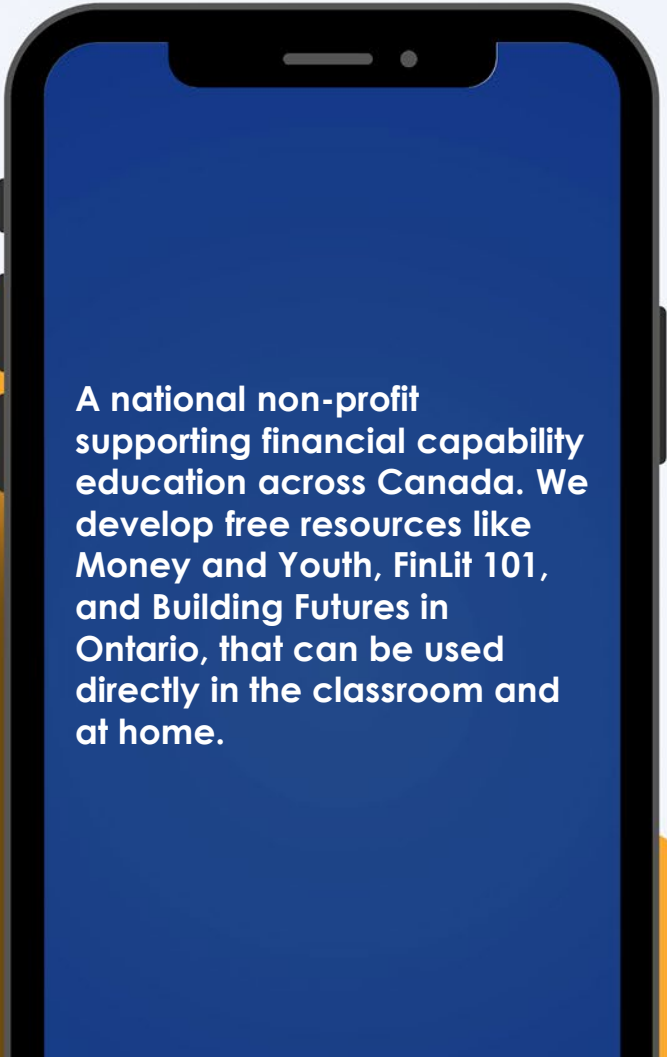
[actionfirstaid.ca](https://actionfirstaid.ca)

The Army Co-op program is an Entry Plan into the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserve. Students who successfully complete the application process will be enrolled as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces Army Reserve. Their COOP placement during the First semester is their basic training, the same training any member of the Reserves must take. Their Reserve service is non-contractual; however, students are expected to continue their military career on a part-time basis after COOP ends. This service is minimum 1 night/week, and 1 weekend/month starting February following COOP. This is a paid placement starting at \$143.76 per day which equates to approximately \$17,000 for the duration of the COOP. Summer Employment after the COOP is also available which will be approximately another \$8,700.



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**FORCES.ca**



A national non-profit supporting financial capability education across Canada. We develop free resources like Money and Youth, FinLit 101, and Building Futures in Ontario, that can be used directly in the classroom and at home.

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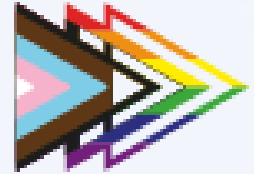
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[cfee.org](https://cfee.org)

The Career Education Council (CEC) was established in 1990 by the Rotary Club of Guelph with the objective of helping young people learn about and experience the workplace, thereby allowing them to make more informed choices about their future pathway.

Thirty years later, the CEC has continued to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of our youth, our community, and our local employment landscape: serving as a bridge between business, industry, and education.

**CEC**



**[careereducationcouncil.ca](https://careereducationcouncil.ca)**

CERIC is a charitable organization that advances education, research and advocacy in career counselling and career development, in order to increase the economic and social well-being of people in Canada.

It funds projects to develop innovative resources that build the knowledge and skills of diverse career and employment professionals. CERIC also annually hosts Cannexus, Canada's largest bilingual career development conference, publishes the country's only peer-reviewed journal, Canadian Journal of Career Development, and runs the CareerWise / OrientAction websites, providing the top career development news and views.

Co-op educators will find many CERIC resources – available for FREE – to be particularly useful in their work with students.



# CERIC

[ceric.ca](http://ceric.ca)

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 & RSPs (CRA), budgeting (FCAC), insurance (Insurance Institute), AI & media literacy (Digital Moment), air traffic services (NAV CANADA), advanced manufacturing (NGen), cyber (CSE), quantum (QAI), climate (Enviro Canada), automotive/RV careers, mental health and more.



# chatterhigh

[chatterhigh.com](https://chatterhigh.com)

Conestoga plays an integral role in the success of our community and province: more than 165,000 of our graduates live and work in Ontario, contributing more than \$6.2 billion each year to the provincial economy. More than 50 per cent of the local adult population has accessed our services.

Conestoga delivers more than 250 full-time, career-focused programs and has more degree offerings than any other college outside the GTA, including Ontario's first college-based, accredited engineering degrees.

As one of the country's top research colleges, Conestoga's applied research activities support student learning and helps area businesses grow, innovate and improve their productivity.



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[conestogac.on.ca](https://conestogac.on.ca)

At CPA Ontario, we are committed to upholding the highest standards and ethical practices in the accounting profession across Ontario. Our dedication extends beyond regulation, as we offer a wealth of complementary resources designed to support students, educators, and guidance counselors.

**Empowering Educators and Students:** Through our esteemed Teacher Colleague Program (TCP), educators gain access to premium teaching materials that enrich high school business and accounting education. These resources are meticulously crafted to inspire and elevate the learning experience.

Our High School Ambassador Program (HAP) is designed to empower students with invaluable opportunities. We offer free workshops on financial literacy, skill-building sessions, exciting competitions, and exclusive networking events. These initiatives are tailored to foster professional growth, confidence, and a passion for the world of business.



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[cpaontario.ca](https://cpaontario.ca)

The Durham Workforce Authority (DWA) is the leading source of Durham's labour market intelligence and champions the development and maintenance of a sustainable workforce.

The DWA produces custom labour market information, an annual Labour Market Plan, and provides:

- Durham Region demographics change, migration trends in and out, educational attainment of residents, and changes in employers in the local area by employee size and 3-digit NAICs.
- Enhanced Jobs First Durham (JFD) data extracted from the DWA's boutique job board with hyper-local information.
- An update on Employment Ontario data.

The DWA provides just-in-time custom labour market information and often conducts custom fee-for-service research. If you are interested in local data, please don't hesitate to contact the DWA.

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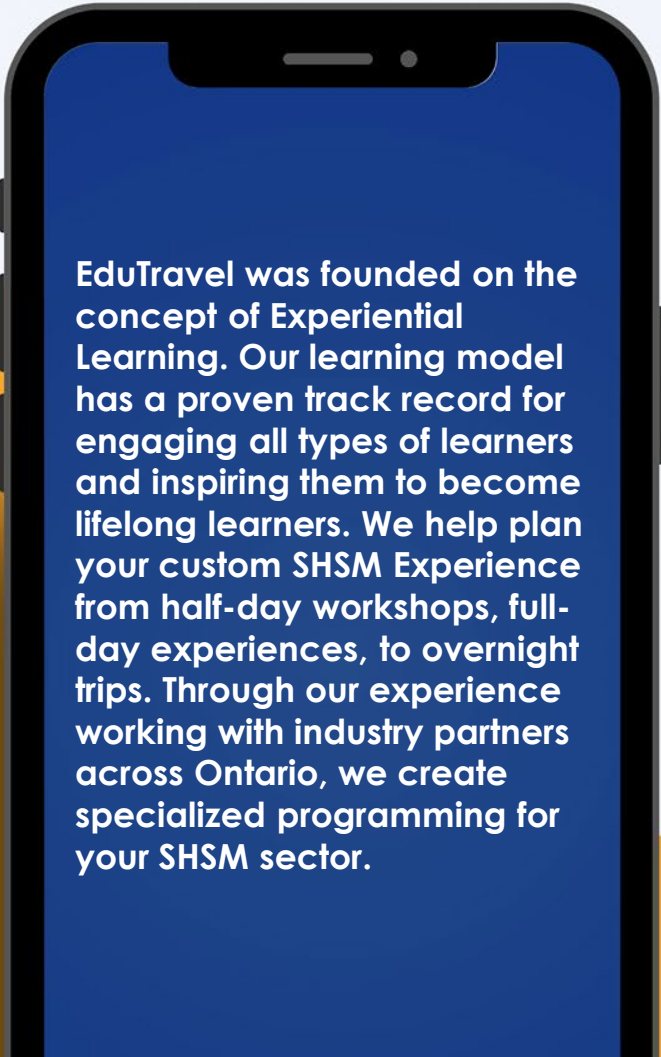


[durhamworkforceauthority.ca](https://durhamworkforceauthority.ca)

Edge Factor equips educators and inspires students and job seekers with the largest known library of career multimedia. Our platform offers story-driven, age-appropriate content, interactive activities, and digital badges designed for use in classrooms, events, homes, and on the go. With 5500+ tools in 21 languages, we empower millions of K-12+ students and educators across Canada to explore, prepare, and connect on their career journey.



[edgefactor.com](https://edgefactor.com)

A black smartphone is shown vertically, displaying white text on a blue background. The text describes EduTravel's experiential learning model and its services for the SHSM sector in Ontario. The phone is set against a white background with orange circular accents on the left and bottom.

EduTravel was founded on the concept of Experiential Learning. Our learning model has a proven track record for engaging all types of learners and inspiring them to become lifelong learners. We help plan your custom SHSM Experience from half-day workshops, full-day experiences, to overnight trips. Through our experience working with industry partners across Ontario, we create specialized programming for your SHSM sector.

# EduTravel

[edutravelforcredit.com](https://edutravelforcredit.com)

Kidder Mfg. Ltd. is a Canadian owned and operated company with over 41 years of experience. We are proud to present our latest catalogue with a variety of useful products for the classroom instructor, woodworker or home hobbyist.



[kidder.ca](http://kidder.ca)

The Empowerment Project is a neuroscience-driven organization that focuses on building emotional, social, and practical skill sets required for individuals to thrive in career and life, therefore creating a structure for confident, resilient, and future-ready citizens.

Our goal is to ensure the next generation of individuals are not only academically prepared, but emotionally intelligent, socially skilled, and professionally equipped to succeed in a rapidly evolving workforce.



[theempowermentproject.ca](https://theempowermentproject.ca)

For over 35 years, HIEC has connected educators, employers, and students to inspire career exploration and workforce development across Ontario. Through hands-on programs, mentorship, and partnerships, we help bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world opportunity.

A free online community connecting job seekers pursuing the skilled trades with employers across Ontario. Managed by HIEC, Apprenticesearch.com helps grow Ontario's skilled workforce through job matching, training resources, and career pathway support.

Ontario Career Lab is HIEC's volunteer-driven mentorship program, bringing professionals into classrooms to share real career stories. Through interactive events and workshops, students gain insights, confidence, and connections that help them explore their future careers.



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[hiec.on.ca](https://hiec.on.ca)

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Apply to Mohawk College and unlock a world of opportunities. With experiential learning, a supportive faculty and real-world projects, you'll start your career empowered to make an impact. Our programs are built in partnership with industry to give you the essential, job-ready skills employers seek. See how hands-on experience and real-world projects prepare you for your career.



[mohawkcollege.ca](https://mohawkcollege.ca)

MTEL is a web-based application, created and managed by Le Centre franco, used by Ontario teachers since 2002, helping school boards manage and monitor their Cooperative Education programs, including the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). MTEL is designed by Ontario cooperative education teachers, drawing on their experience to ensure students are actively involved in all aspects of experiential learning.



[lecentrefranco.ca/mtel](https://lecentrefranco.ca/mtel)

OGAPE est une application Web, créée et gérée par Le Centre franco, utilisée par les enseignantes et les enseignants de l'Ontario depuis 2002, qui aide les conseils scolaires à gérer leurs programmes d'éducation coopérative et à en assurer le suivi, y compris le Programme d'apprentissage pour les jeunes de l'Ontario (PAJO). OGAPE a été conçu par des enseignantes et des enseignants de l'éducation coopérative de l'Ontario, s'appuyant sur leur expérience pour veiller à ce que les élèves participent activement à tous les aspects de l'apprentissage par l'expérience.



[lecentrefranco.ca/ogape](https://lecentrefranco.ca/ogape)

For over 20 years, myBlueprint has been a trusted partner in K-12 education, supporting student success through innovative pathway planning, career exploration, and competency-based learning solutions. Our mission is to engage every student to thrive and succeed in education, career, and life, providing them with the tools they need to plan for their future with confidence. Trusted by over 90% of school districts across Canada, myBlueprint is committed to shaping the future of education by equipping students with the skills and knowledge they need for lifelong success.



**myBlueprint**

**myblueprint.ca**

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) offers students an opportunity to explore a skilled trade and begin an apprenticeship while completing credits towards an OSSD. OYAP students can begin at the age of 15 with a minimum of 14 credits – but some workplaces will require a student to be 16.



[oyappajo.com](https://oyappajo.com)

Le Programme d'apprentissage pour les jeunes de l'Ontario (PAJO) facilite la transition entre l'école et le travail. Il permet aux élèves d'explorer un métier spécialisé tout en accumulant des crédits pour l'obtention du Diplôme d'études secondaires de l'Ontario (DÉSO). On peut débiter dès que l'on a 15 ans et accumulé 14 crédits. Certains milieux de travail nécessite cependant d'avoir 16 ans.



[oyappajo.com](http://oyappajo.com)

Peel Halton Workforce Development Group (PHWDG) is a community based, non-profit corporation. It is one of 25 local boards in the Province of Ontario, funded by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD).

The Peel Halton Workforce Development Group consists of a volunteer Board of Directors representing business, labour, women, visible racial minorities, educators/trainers and other equity groups.

Its main role in the community is to conduct a highly interactive process that results in the Local Labour Market Plan report. The report serves as a strategic tool for building community partnerships.



[peelhaltonworkforce.com](http://peelhaltonworkforce.com)

Project SEARCH is a globally recognized school-to-work training program with 26 Ontario sites delivering outstanding employer satisfaction. Champion local businesses collaborate with school boards and employment service organizations to train high school students with disabilities.

Learn about the Project SEARCH model and talk with organizations helping to scale the model in collaboration with school boards: Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, March of Dimes Canada and the Ontario Disability Employment Network (ODEN).



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[projectsearchcanada.ca](http://projectsearchcanada.ca)

Public Services Health & Safety Association (PSHSA) works with Ontario's public sector employers and workers providing training, consulting and resources to reduce and prevent occupational injuries and illnesses. PSHSA staff help ensure that more workers go home at the end of their day and stay healthier in chosen workplaces or sectors.



**PSHSA.ca**

**pshsa.ca**

Rapid City Transportation (RCT) has over 30 years of experience providing transportation across Ontario. We are committed to providing our passengers with safe, reliable and person-centered service.

For our school partners, we strive to enhance the student experience by reducing barriers and improving access to education and related activities.

Student-focused transportation services include: OYAP, Dual Credit, Co-Op, SHSM, Home-to-School, Sports and Field Trips.

Flexible scheduling/booking options including customized plans for single day, daily or multiple stop routes.

RCT is trusted to serve vulnerable populations and employ experienced drivers who undergo background checks and AODA training.



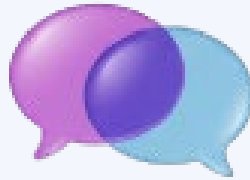
**Rapid City Transportation**

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[rapidcitytransport.com](https://rapidcitytransport.com)

Resso.ai focuses on career preparation and interview training technology. Our real-time AI avatars and intelligent feedback help job seekers build confidence, reduce interview anxiety, and improve their communication skills through realistic, conversational mock interviews.

We address limited classroom time and educator burnout by providing intuitive scenario-creation tools that allow teachers to design customized interview simulations tailored to each student's goals, skill level, and target industry. This enables personalized practice at scale without adding extra workload, so instructors can focus their time on high-impact mentoring and guidance.



# Resso

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Skilled Trades Ontario is an agency of the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development responsible for apprenticeship and skilled trades certification in Ontario. It was established through the Building Opportunities in the Skilled Trades Act, 2021. We are committed to making it easier for skilled trades professionals to access services, promoting careers in the skilled trades and addressing the labour shortage. We want to make Ontario the place where skilled trades professionals thrive.



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[skilledtradesontario.ca](https://skilledtradesontario.ca)

Métiers spécialisés Ontario est un organisme du ministère du Travail, de l'Immigration, de la Formation et du Développement des compétences chargé des programmes d'apprentissage et de la certification des métiers spécialisés en Ontario. Il a été mis sur pied en vertu de la Loi de 2021 ouvrant des perspectives dans les métiers spécialisés. Nous nous engageons à faciliter l'accès aux services destinés aux professionnels des métiers spécialisés, à mettre de l'avant les carrières du secteur et à pallier la pénurie de main-d'œuvre. Nous souhaitons promouvoir l'Ontario comme l'endroit idéal où prospérer en tant que professionnel(le) des métiers spécialisés.

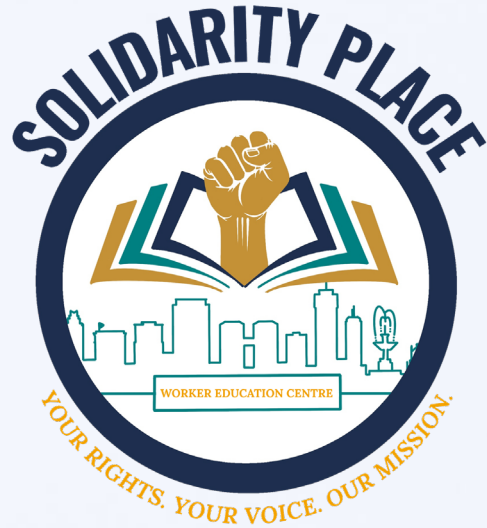


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[skilledtradesontario.ca/fr](https://skilledtradesontario.ca/fr)

Solidarity Place Worker Education Centre offers no-cost workshops to help students understand their rights and responsibilities at work before they enter the workforce. Our workshops include a comprehensive overview of key elements of the Employment Standards Act (ESA) including, holiday pay, minimum wage entitlements and protected leaves of absence, as well as practical tips to ensure that your rights are not violated in the workplace.



[solidarityplace.ca](https://solidarityplace.ca)

Support Ontario Youth is a registered charity transforming skilled trades. We empower apprentices, employers, and industry stakeholders by addressing gaps in training. Our program includes safety training, mentorship, apprenticeship pathways, employability skills, and hands-on tool experiences across multiple trades.

At Support Ontario Youth, our mission is to raise awareness and provide guidance, resources and expertise to jobseekers, apprentices, employers, and educators to enable successful completion of the skilled trades pathway, leading to fulfilling, life-long careers. Through partnerships with employers, industry stakeholders and government, we will be leaders in providing workforce development solutions for apprentices and journeypersons that support economic growth.



**SUPPORT  
ONTARIO  
YOUTH**

**[supportontarioyouth.ca](http://supportontarioyouth.ca)**

Toronto Workforce Innovation Group's Mission is to support positive workforce development trends and activities in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) through research, knowledge sharing and, employer and government engagement.



[workforceinnovation.ca](http://workforceinnovation.ca)

The Workforce Planning Board of York Region is a non-profit, community-based organization that supports employers, job seekers, educators, and community partners by providing local labour market information. Through labour market research, workforce trend analysis, and regional planning initiatives, the Board identifies current and future skills needs in York Region. Its tools, insights, and partnerships support informed decision-making, improve employment outcomes, and help build a resilient, competitive workforce for the region.

# Workforce Planning BOARD

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**Workplace Safety & Prevention Services™ (WSPS)** is a not-for-profit organization committed to protecting Ontario's workers and businesses. It serves more than 174,000 member firms and 4.2 million workers across the agricultural, manufacturing and service sectors. A proud partner in the province's occupational health and safety system and a trusted safety advisor since 1917, WSPS has a rich history of making workplaces safer.



**Workplace Safety  
& Prevention Services®**

**[wspss.ca](https://www.wspss.ca)**

York Region Educational Services (YRES) is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to offering educational resources in a safe, supportive, and growth-oriented environment that inspires and motivates individuals. Its mission is to inspire and motivate learners while helping them build a strong foundation for personal growth. YRES offers over 500 online and in-person programs and supports more than 100 co-op and placement students each year.



**yres** YORK REGION  
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[yorkeducation.org](http://yorkeducation.org)

York Region Educational Services (YRES) est un organisme caritatif enregistré à but non lucratif et dédié à offrir des ressources éducatives dans un environnement sûr, solidaire et axé sur la croissance, qui inspire et motive les individus. Sa mission est d'inspirer et de motiver les apprenants tout en les aidant à construire une base solide pour leur croissance personnelle. YRES offre plus de 500 programmes en ligne et en personne et soutient plus de 100 stagiaires et étudiants en placement chaque année.



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