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YOUTH CENTRES DES JEUNES CANADA



CONFERENCE 2010

Do you want to have the opportunity as a youth to make decisions about issues important to you? Do you want to know what youth in Canada feel and think about issues important to us all? Do you want to support youth to become decision makers and develop meaningful recommendations that can help guide action on a number of relevant issues?

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Unite and Ignite symbolizes the energy of people coming together from across the country, to learn, explore and make decisions that matter to us all. **Unite and Ignite** will use the Young Decision Maker (YDM) model generated by youth, young adults and adult allies, as a tool to encourage youth to become decision makers. Throughout the conference we will be focusing on seven themes, selected by young people across Canada: **The environment, youth homelessness, youth rights, mental health, crime prevention, education and healthy lifestyles for youth.**

The countdown is on! The TYPS Annual Conference is happening on March 18, 19, 20, 21, in Ottawa. Details can be found at www.typs.com, TYPS Home, Conference 2010. There are details on everything from costs, to things to bring, to special activities within the conference.

If you have any questions, just call us at 613-269-2436 or e-mail josy@typs.com. We hope to see you there.



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HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

There are a few simple steps to take to ensure that you are registered properly for the conference.

1. Go to <http://typs.com/home/main.php?page=../2010%20conf/2010conf.html> Use the website to find out many details about finding funds, preparing for the conference, workshop information, presenters, and special activities.
2. At the bottom of the page, click on the Form (available in English and French), fill it out and fax it into TYPS at 613-269-4118. Make sure to mark the top 3 Themes, showing for each participant their first, second and third choices. Encourage individuals from your group to choose different themes so that you gather as much knowledge and information at the conference as possible.
3. Fill out the Participant Release Form (parental signatures required for youth) and fax that back to the TYPS office also.
4. Complete the Hotel Registration Form and fax that into the Travel Lodge Hotel.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

The conference begins at 4 pm sharp on Thursday, March 18, with an orientation session for the whole event. Its important that you make it to this orientation. Registration and check in is from 2 pm to 4 pm. All assigned rooms are in the main building and are based on minimum double occupancy unless otherwise specifically requested. All meals are provided. You may bring your own snacks if you wish, but absolutely no drugs or alcohol. Please scroll down our conference page to "Getting Ready For It".



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Unite and Ignite Conference 2010 Themes

The Environment

Youth Homelessness

Youth Rights

Mental Health

Youth Crime Prevention

Education

Healthy Lifestyles for Youth



Teams of participants will be assembled to specifically explore one of the above themes. Each team will be facilitated to help guide the process. Using the Young Decision Maker Model, the process will take us from gathering knowledge and information, to making decisions and action planning. Participants will return to their communities with the knowledge and the tools to act locally, and the results of each session will be distributed to government leaders and policy makers.

On the registration form there is a section asking each participant to choose the top three themes he or she is interested in. We recommend that if you are coming with a group, that each individual be encouraged to choose different themes so that you have as much exposure as possible to the topics available. Pending numbers, we will try to put each person in the group that is their first choice, but this may not always be possible and the second or third choice may be assigned.

Each theme will evolve into specific areas depending on group input. For example, The Environment may focus on global warming, recycling and/or alternate energy sources. However, the Young Decision Maker model will be followed, providing a framework that moves from gathering knowledge to making informed decisions. Knowledgeable leaders will be on hand to lend their expertise to the process, and as participants your voices will be the key to an effective outcome. Not only will each participant have the opportunity to impact issues that matter, but the model itself is a transferable tool that will be taken back to your community and applied in other ways.

BITS AND BYTES

www.mcs.bc.ca/pdf/YAC-Link-web.pdf YAC Link: Tips and Tricks for Starting a Youth Council, a joint report from the McCreary Centre, Powell River and Tia'Amin Youth Advisory Councils. This information is great for starting a youth council and for assessing how your council is functioning! It includes: Why create a Youth Advisory Council, Getting It Started, Keeping It Going, and Adult Support.

http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html Creativity expert Sir Ken Robinson challenges the way we're educating our children. He champions a radical rethink of our school systems, to cultivate creativity and acknowledge multiple types of intelligence. This is brilliant, informative, and entertaining as well.

http://www.ted.com/talks/kiran_bir_sethi_teaches_kids_to_take_charge.html Kiran Bir Sethi shows how her groundbreaking Riverside School in India teaches kids life's most valuable lesson: "I can." Watch her students take local issues into their own hands, lead other young people, even educate their parents.



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NETWORK NEWS

Skills Link: Youth and the New Economy

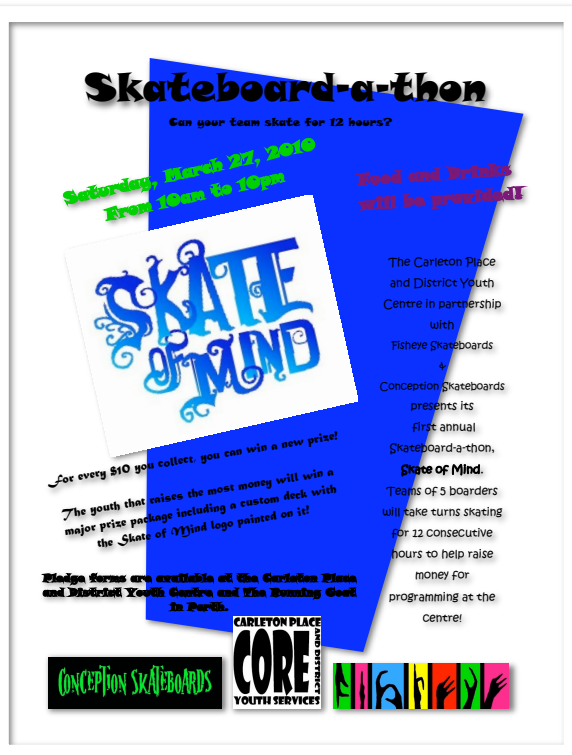
TYPS has its first six month Skills Link project confirmed with Service Canada for Gatineau, QC, starting January 25. We have submitted three other similar projects in partnership with youth centres, targeting unemployed youth; we are hoping for the go-ahead on these other three after April upon approval of federal budgets. These projects will see youth producing audio and video podcasts both for community groups and on issues of their concern, thereby gaining life and employment skills.

We feel these projects can be ideal for many youth centres that have facilities available during daytime hours, projects that both support coordinator fees and some overhead, while helping to build partnerships with their community through the services the project provides – not to mention the six months employment for up to 12 youth per project. TYPS sees itself as a lead organization for the first project, with the youth centre continuing on their own afterwards given the success of their first project. We see this as a prime example of how Service Canada can link with youth centres in addressing youth employment issues.

If you are interested in a partnership with TYPS on a similar project, do contact us. We will be using this Gatineau project as the model for future partnerships.



CREATIVE POSTER INVITATION



TYPS is inviting you to bring a poster to the conference (no larger than a piece of bristol board) that lets your artistic talents shine. The poster can represent your centre, a great program, a special event or any theme that is important to you. Please make sure you identify your centre and also bring a note telling us a little about the theme you chose and why its important.

The poster on the left, from the Core Youth Centre in Carleton Place, Ontario, is a great example of a poster about a special event that will help raise money for programs at the centre. Maybe the Skateboard-a-thon is even an event that your centre can hold to raise money!

Bring your posters to the conference and we will display them in our new poster gallery.