



What's the Buzz?

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 18—24, 2010

Recognize your volunteers for all the wonderful things they bring to your organization! Nominate a volunteer to be one of the Region of Queens Municipality's two Representative Volunteers. For nomination forms or more information, contact Heather Cook at the Recreation Dept. - deadline is Feb. 22.



LUNENBURG QUEENS VOLUNTEER EXTRAVAGANZA — GO TO IT!

Date: Sat., March 6, 2010 **Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Bridgewater High School **Cost:** \$15 each, incl. lunch

Reserve your spot ... call 1-800-303-1541

The LQVP has partnered with the Network of Networks and Imagine Canada to gather information and provide input on the direction of the provincial government's approach to supporting volunteerism. It will be an exciting day of educational and networking opportunities designed specifically to meet volunteer needs, and a forum for local concerns and issues to be heard at the provincial level.

Keynote speakers and workshops include:
 Risk Management & Insurance * Public Speaking * Innovative Fundraising

THIS IS AN EXTRAVAGANZA YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

READ ALL ABOUT IT — NEW ADDITION TO THE RQM VOLUNTEER LIBRARY

The Recreation Dept. has purchased a the Canadian Subsidy Directory which will be loaned to community groups seeking funding. Current subsidies, grants, and loans for non-profit organizations from federal and provincial governments, associations, and foundations are listed. If you are looking for funding, there are over 3,000 different sources listed; all you have to do is find the right match for your group! Contact the Recreation Dept. to sign out a copy of this helpful tool.



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT GRANTS — DEADLINES ARE NEAR!

A number of our community's non-profit, charitable and voluntary organizations rely on summer staff to run their programs, and in many cases, summer employment grants are a great aid to in being able to afford to have seasonal staff to run essential programs. Following are a number of grants in place for 2010.

SKILLS LINK

The Skills Link program helps youth facing barriers to employment to gain experience and skills they need to be active in the job market. Eligible employers include businesses, Crown corporations, organizations (including not-for-profit, professional, employer and labour associations), public health and educational institutions, band/tribal councils and municipal governments. Contact the local Service Canada Centre (phone: (902) 527-5570) and consult the Youth Employment Strategy Guide for Applicants for the specific roles and responsibilities that must be met in projects approved for funding.

For More Information: <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/newprog/skillslink.shtml>

CAREER FOCUS

The objective of this program is to help post-secondary graduates acquire advanced employment skills and facilitate their transition to a rapidly changing labour market. Eligible employers can be a business, an organization (such as a not-for-profit, professional, or labour organizations, or employers), institutions (public health or educational), band/tribal councils, Aboriginal organizations, or municipal governments. Contact Service Canada (phone: (902) 527-5570) for details.

For More Information: <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/youth/careerfocus.shtml>

YOUTH ECO INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Non-profit host organizations across Canada provide environmentally focused paid positions for youth aged 15 to 30, and the interns will be paid by the YMCA or YWCA Canada. Internships should support skills development, provide work experience, enhance employability and support attaining sustained future employment. For more information or to apply, call YMCA: 1 877 668-7602, YWCA: 1 877 994-6876; or go to www.yeip.ca

- **Duration:** 3 to 12 months **Deadline:** Applications can be submitted throughout the year. Internships to be completed by March 31, 2011. **For More Information:** <http://www.youth.gc.ca/eng/topics/jobs/yeip.shtml>

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT GRANTS, continued ...

YOUNG CANADA WORKS (YCW) ~ Following are 2 of the YCW wage subsidies available:

- **Young Canada Works In Both Official Languages:** Eligible employers may be private, public, non-profit organizations; involved in national, provincial, territorial, municipal or community activities; willing to hire young people from other regions of Canada; conducts activities in both official languages; stable and in good financial health. These students have excellent skills in English and French and are working to further improve their second language skills, to exercise their skills and experience, and to acquire work experience in their field. YCW may contribute up to 50 percent of the employment costs for youth hired by private and public sector organizations. It may contribute up to 70 percent for a non-profit organization.

Duration: 6 to 16 weeks, 30 to 40 hours per week

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2010

For more information: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/ycw-jct/info-empl/index-eng.cfm>

- **Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations:** Eligible employers may be incorporated, non-profit organizations in Canada engaged in the heritage sector (such as a museum, archives, library, historic site, heritage building, zoo, botanical garden); an educational or cultural institution, or a non profit organization under a provincial, territorial, regional, or municipal government, that has distinct objectives, programs and budget related to heritage; a professional heritage service organization; an Aboriginal regional government or governing body (band/tribal council) and/or Aboriginal organization with a mandate to preserve and support Aboriginal heritage; and stable and financially healthy. Your organization is not eligible if it is a federal department, federal agency or a Crown Corporation; a provincial or territorial government department; or for-profit. These students' objectives are to exercise their skills and gain experience, and to acquire work experience in their field. YCW may contribute up to 75 percent of the student's employment costs (wages, benefits and other eligible expenditures). The maximum YCW contribution is \$8,000 per job and \$50,000 per employer.

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STUDENT CAREER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The Student Career Skills Development Program (SCSDP) partners with not-for-profit organizations to create career-related summer jobs for post-secondary students. The jobs will be distributed across the province based on population and unemployment for each county. Eligible employers must be not-for-profit organizations as defined by the program, regulated charities or others in the Eligibility Criteria. Positions paying \$10.50 per hour or more are accepted for consideration, and \$8.50 per hour for hours worked may be reimbursed through the program.

Duration: 8 to 14 weeks, 28—35 hours per week

Deadline: Jan. 29, 2010

For more information: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/econ/sep/scsdp/>

COOP EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Co-operative Employment Program provides educational opportunities for post-secondary co-op students. Eligible employers must hire a student from an approved co-op program and are reimbursed by the Nova Scotia Economic Development Department for part of the student's wages. Government funded organizations; municipal governments, and non-profit organizations in Nova Scotia are eligible. Students must be registered in a Nova Scotia post-secondary co-operative education program. Government funded organizations and municipal government will be reimbursed 50% of the hourly wage to a maximum of \$7.00 per hour. Non-profit organizations will be reimbursed a flat rate of \$8.00 per hour. Non-profit organizations may apply for an advance payment up to 75% of approved funding.

Duration: maximum of 18 weeks, full time to a max of 35 hrs/week

Deadline: Jan. 29, 2010

For More Information: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/econ/sep/coop/>

CANADA SUMMER JOBS

Canada Summer Jobs is an initiative of the Summer Work Experience program. It provides funding for not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers, and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees to create high-quality summer job opportunities for students between the ages of 15 and 30.

Details have not yet been announced for this year's program. Please check the website for updates:
<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/programs/scpp.shtml>



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