



YMCA-YWCA

We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities.

Youth Discovering Employment

The YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon is currently accepting referrals from community agencies for ten youth (ages 15-30) from the St. John's and surrounding areas. The Youth Discovering Employment program will provide young adults with paid training in life and employment skills, employment experience, First Aid and CPR training and valuable career guidance. By developing these skills, youth will be able to find and sustain employment, therefore contributing to the labor market and their respective communities. In the program, participants will complete sixteen weeks of paid training.

To participate in Skills Link, participants must meet the following criteria:

- Between ages of 15 and 30 (inclusive)
- Not in school
- A Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada
- Legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial legislation and regulations
- Not in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits at start of program
- In need of assistance in order to overcome employment barriers

In addition to the above, priority youth must have at least one of the following employment barriers as stated by Service Canada:

- High school non-completion
- Disability
- Aboriginal origin
- Health, drug and/or alcohol related problems
- Residence in a rural or remote location
- Lone (single) parent
- Visible or ethnic minority
- Low levels of literacy and numeracy
- Language barriers
- Street involvement
- Contact with justice, child welfare or social assistance system
- Homeless or at risk of being homeless
- Lack of social supports: family, friends or community supports
- Poor self-management and/or behavior management abilities or
- Other reasons

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