

## **Call for Applicants: Youth Employment and Skills Strategy Program (YESS)**

Are you a young person aged 18 to 30 eager to develop valuable skills in communications and marketing and launch your career? The Youth Employment and Skills Strategy Program (YESS), funded by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), offers you the chance to gain practical experience and navigate the job market through paid training and hands-on work placements.

### **About the Program**

The youth employment program, delivered by the Social Planning Council of Ottawa (SPCO), is designed to support youth facing barriers to employment. Over the course of 16 weeks, selected participants will receive a **4-week paid training program** to develop essential job skills. Following this, they'll take part in a **12-week paid job placement** that offers practical, real-world experience in their field of interest.

This program is focused on helping youth from diverse backgrounds, including visible minorities, new Canadians, youth with disabilities, and youth from low-income households, gain the skills, knowledge, and connections needed for a successful career.

### **Program Benefits**

- **Paid Training:** A 4-week intensive training program designed to build essential skills and workplace knowledge.
- **Paid Job Placement:** A 12-week work placement where participants can apply their new skills and gain valuable job experience.
- **Supportive Environment:** SPCO is dedicated to creating a supportive community that helps participants grow personally and professionally.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be between 18-30 years old
- Legally entitled to work in Canada (Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected persons)
- Must be able to commit to the full 16-week program
- Priority will be given to youth facing barriers to employment, including those from visible minority groups, newcomers, youth with disabilities, and youth from low-income backgrounds.

### **How to Apply**

If you're ready to take the next step toward a fulfilling career and meet the above requirements, we encourage you to reach out and apply!