

YOUTH STRATEGY



This Week in The World of Youth

The latest news and updates for the month of February

Youth Team - HamOntYouth Steering Committee



The HamOntYouth Steering Committee is open to any youth 14-29 who live in Hamilton.

Youth members advise on effective youth engagement techniques and collaborate with City staff on youth initiatives.

The committee meets virtually the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Volunteer hours are given to high school aged youth.

For more information or to join, contact Jesse Williamson [by clicking here](#). Youth can also DM [@HamOntYouth](#) on Instagram.

Youth Team – Referrals to Learning Earning and Parenting Program (LEAP)

The LEAP program offers supports to young parents between the ages of 16 and 25 who receive Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program and want to complete their high school education.

Parenting resources, transportation and school funds are provided monthly to participants. Staff can also assist in finding the right education options for youth. A \$500 bursary provided upon graduation.

The LEAP program is invested in the success of all young parents and youth receive additional support from other members of the Youth Team.

Refer youth by e-mailing LEAP@Hamilton.ca

The graphic features the Hamilton logo at the top left. Below it, the text reads: 'Refer Youth to the LEAP Program', 'Supporting young parents between the ages of 16 and 25 in receipt of OW/ODSP to achieve a high school diploma.' At the bottom, it says: 'Contact a L.E.A.P. Worker to refer youth', 'Jo-Anne Kirkwood Nadia Badke', and 'Call 905-546-3088'. The background is decorated with school supplies like pencils, pens, a ruler, and a protractor.

LIVING ROCK YOUTH RESOURCES PRESENTS
20th Annual SOUPFEST Feb 3- Feb 21 2022
SUPPORTING YOUTH & LOCAL RESTAURANTS

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

Each participating restaurant will offer a signature competing soup during their hours of operation. A percentage of each soup will support Living Rock and the balance will support local restaurants. All details can be found at www.livingrock.ca

Youth Housing and Homelessness – Soupfest 2022 – Living Rock Youth Resources

2022 marks the 20th anniversary of Soupfest in support of Living Rock Youth Resources. Living Rock Youth Resources supports youths who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

This year, each participating restaurant will offer a signature soup during their hours of operation. A percentage of each soup will support Living Rock. Support the restaurant industry and Living Rock by getting your soup at participating restaurants Feb. 3rd – 21st.

For a full list of restaurants [please click here](#)

Education and Apprenticeships - The Secrets to Scholarship Research and Writing – Hamilton Library

This event is perfect for students and parents to learn how to find and apply for scholarships. The event takes place Wednesday Feb 16 at 4pm. This event is hosted by Hamilton Public Library with the session being led by Bridges EDU.

[Register by clicking here](#)



Strong Supportive Friends and Families – Peer Support Programs – Canadian Mental Health Association Hamilton (CMHA)

Join CMHA Hamilton February 10th from 12 – 1:00 PM for a presentation on their Peer Support Team. This presentation will provide information regarding existing services, updates on new initiatives, as well as anecdotal accounts from service recipients.

This session provides a great opportunity to learn more about the program and the great work the team carries out daily.

[To register please click here](#)

For more info please email Misty Thaler by [clicking here](#)

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CMHA HAMILTON PEER SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE



12PM - 1 PM, FEB 10, 2022

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Looking for a sustainable career but don't know where to turn? Then NPower Canada is for you!

They assist those aged 17-30 by offering **FREE** programs in IT + employment assistance. In just 4 months, you can have an industry-recognized certification and be on your way to a career in a growing industry.

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APPLY NOW (Referral: City of Hamilton)

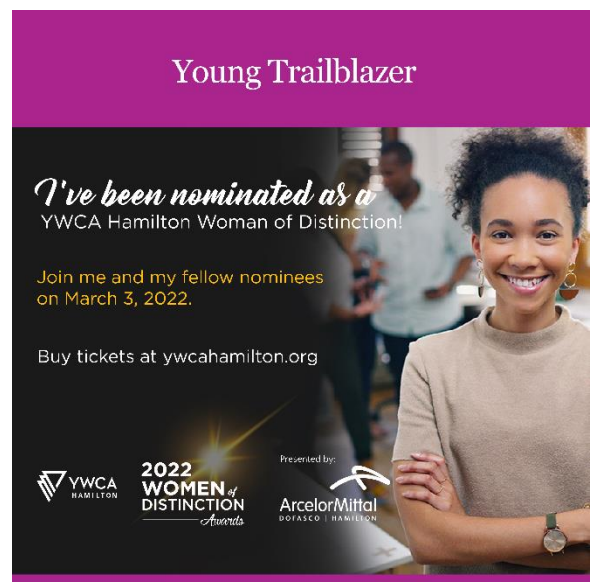
For more info: contact Sharon Minos / sharon.minos@npowercanada.ca / 647-689-5850 ext. 259

Celebrate Diversity – Young Trailblazers Award Nominees – YWCA

Join YWCA Hamilton on February 11, 2022 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. via Zoom for the announcement of the Women of Distinction 2022 Young Trailblazer nominees!

Meet the young leaders who build Hamilton and Halton. Nominee unveiling events are open to the public and are free to attend.

[For more info or to register click here](#)



Employment and Entrepreneurship – The Arty Crowd – Hamilton Arts Council

The Arty Crowd is a digital hub that will offer a lasting solution to the constant challenges of communication and promotion for the arts community. These challenges have been magnified by the pandemic and The Arty Crowd will play a critical role in the long-term recovery of the arts sector and its growth. **Hamilton and Six Nations of the Grand River Artists and Arts Organizations** will be able to share their work and explore possibilities for collaboration. And finally, art lovers will be able to find the region's artistic and cultural offers on one site!

Join the Arty Crowd <https://theartycrowd.ca>



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2SLGBTQIA+ Supports – Positive Spaces – BGC Hamilton and Halton

Positive Spaces is a youth-led initiative whose purpose is to support 2SLGBTQIA+ youth. Youth will have access to a safe space where they can share their struggles and joys around their sexual orientation and gender identities. The youth will set out the agenda, and how the program will run with staff supporting program planning and cover topics such as relationships, safety, and outreach.

Please contact Rebekah Clause by [clicking here](#) for more information or to register



Education and Apprenticeships – February Programs – City School by Mohawk

Have youth looking to learn something new? Maybe youth want to sample college for free?

City School has courses starting in February!

Choose from:

- Manufacturing 4.0
- Explore Careers in Sustainable Development

Visit www.mohawkcollege.ca/trycollegeforfree to learn more and apply!

Organizations Development – YSAN Website and Grant Database

The Youth Serving Agencies Network (YSAN) is proud to launch phase 1 of its new website. Learn more about who YSAN is and the agencies that participate.

[View the website by clicking here](#)

YSAN has also compiled a list of funding opportunities available to organizations. These opportunities have funding deadlines that fall within February and March.

[View the opportunities by clicking here.](#)





Health – BIPOC Elite Athletic Development Program for BIPOC Youth – Steel Town Athletic Club (STAC)

Join STAC, BGC Hamilton-Halton and the McMaster Black Student Athlete Council as they host virtual fitness sessions for BIPOC youth athletes ages 14-18 looking to develop.

Sessions are 45 minutes every Tuesday and Thursday. They start at 4 pm.

Each registered athlete will receive a STAC Home Workout Kit after showing a 4-week commitment.

For more info and to register please contact Kyle Anderson [by clicking here](#)

Strong Supportive Friends and Family – Pink Shirt Day – Feb. 23rd, 2022

Pink Shirt Day is a day dedicated to Anti-Bullying. Now a movement celebrated across the globe, Pink Shirt Day was inspired by an act of kindness in small-town Nova Scotia.

Since then, the idea has only grown each year, with worldwide support and participation. In fact, last year alone, people in almost 180 countries shared their support of Pink Shirt Day through social media posts and donations.

Across Hamilton, Youth Serving Agencies will be hosting a variety of activities to promote positive healthy relationships and kindness.

For more info visit www.pinkshirtday.ca/about



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Civic Engagement & Youth Leadership – Board Members – Routes Youth Centre

Routes Youth Centre in Dundas is recruiting a new chair and members of their board of directors. Deadline to apply is February 28th.

Applicants will be strategic thinkers, who are ready to bring their Board experience and passion to make a difference in the lives of our youth and who will reflect the gender and cultural diversity of our community. This volunteer opportunity will require a commitment of approximately 10-15 hours/month.

Interested applicants should forward a current resume and cover letter to: info@routesyouthcentre.ca (Attention: Board Chair)

Civic Engagement & Youth Leadership – RISE Collective – YWCA Hamilton

YWCA Hamilton's RISE Collective is back and better than ever!

Join RISE for a free info session on the re-launch of the youth-led RISE Collective, with all-new programming! Info session is Tuesday, February 1st from 4:00-5:00pm - open to youth, parents/guardians, staff, organizations or anyone looking for more information.

Ready to RISE? [Get more info by clicking here.](#)



Employment – BIPOC Youth of Tomorrow Conference - YMCA

Inviting all BIPOC Youth to join us in the Youth of Tomorrow Conference to connect with like-minded peers and BIPOC professionals to explore different career paths and build the skills required for your future.

When: March 24, 2022 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Youth of Tomorrow participants will be offered the exclusive opportunity to register for further career exploration support through a **Work Experience** and/or **Mentorship Experience**

Registration will open February 10 2022 at www.youthoftomorrow.ca to "PRE-REGISTER TODAY AT www.ymcahbb.ca/events"



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