

Community Report

Ontario University Fair <http://www.ouf.ca/about/> @ Metro Toronto Convention Centre Friday, September 28: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 29: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, September 30: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF) began in 1997 as a way to help secondary school students in the Toronto area gather information about universities in Ontario. The OUF gives students an opportunity to speak with representatives from across Ontario about programs, campus life, and anything else that will help them make a decision about which university to choose.

Each university has its own booth, staffed with knowledgeable representatives who can answer your questions. You'll also have a chance to collect materials about programs, admission requirements, and student life

University Information Program (UIP) Ontario's 21 Universities Are Visiting A School Near You!

What is the University Information Program? The University Information Program (UIP) is a fantastic opportunity to find out about Ontario's 21 universities in one place. The UIP travels across Ontario during the fall, offering fair-style events in cities and towns in most regions. These events allow you to hear about what different universities have to offer, talk individually to university representatives and collect publications from the schools in which you are interested. Check our list below to find out where the UIP closest to you is being hosted. <http://www.ouf.ca/uiip/niagara-hamilton/> Niagara Hamilton Brantford North Park CVS, October 24, 7:00 p.m. Hamilton Glendale SS, October 24, 9:00 a.m.

Ontario College Fair <http://www.aprod.com/ocif/> Each year Ontario's Colleges host a number of events across the province to assist high school students with their post-secondary educational planning. For the eighth year, Centennial, George Brown, Humber, Michener, Seneca and Sheridan have partnered to host the Ontario College Information Fair 2012 in Toronto, Ontario. This year's event will be held at the Direct Energy Centre, located at Exhibition Place, in downtown Toronto on October 23rd 10 – 7 with easy access to public transit. Colleges participating <http://www.aprod.com/ocif/colleges.html> Ask Us <http://askus.ontariocolleges.ca> <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/>

To access CUDO, go to <http://cou.on.ca/statistics/cudo>. "A new interactive database of Ontario university information, launched by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), makes this rich online resource even more transparent and easier to use. The interactive features of the new system, called Common University Data Ontario (CUDO), will it make easier to compare information on enrolment, degrees, transfers, library collections, student experience, tuition fees, class size, university revenue, research funding, graduation rates, retention rates, graduate employment rates and more." <http://www.cou.on.ca/news/media-releases/cou/new-interactive-database-of-university-information> CUDO offers key data, in a common format, about Ontario's universities: Number of degrees awarded, student enrolment and entering averages – all by program; •Number of students living on campus and activities offered; Student satisfaction; •First-year tuition and ancillary fees by program; Number of teaching faculty; Undergraduate class size, by year level; •Research awards granted; and Graduation rates and employment rates by program.

The Twentieth Annual Gandhi Peace Festival Saturday, September 29, 2012. City Hall, Hamilton, **Community Service Peace Awards** This award recognizes the extraordinary efforts and achievements of an individual (or group of individuals) in helping to create, sustain or promote a culture of peace in some local, national or international setting. There are three awards: An adult award, and two youth awards - one under the age of 18, and one between the ages of 19-30 at the time of receiving this award. [For information on what is meant by "a culture of peace," please consult the Hamilton culture of peace website: www.cultureofpeacehamilton.com] In each category, one recipient will be recognized each year at the Gandhi Peace Festival. However, the organizers of the GPF reserve the right not to bestow this award in any given year. Nomination: Nominations should be made by someone who knows the nominee well – such as teachers, parents, family friends. The nomination should consist of: (1) a written statement, no more than 1000 words in length, listing the relevant achievements of the nominee with specific examples wherever possible; (2) the name, address, phone number and e-mail of the nominee and the nominator(s); and (3) at least one independent reference letter, using letterhead if possible, in support of the nomination. All nominating material, including the reference letter, should reach the Chair of the Awards Committee by e-mail no later than two full weeks prior to the date of the Gandhi Peace Festival. (September 14th) Nominations can be e-mailed to Dr. Mark Vorobej, Chair- Gandhi Peace Festival Awards Committee at: vorobej@mcmaster.ca Awards: The winner shall receive a framed certificate and a cheque for \$100. All deserving

nominees (an unspecified number) would get a Certificate of Nomination. Youth Category Adult Category Awards Presentation: The Awards shall be announced and presented at the Peace Festival during the official program from 11:00am-12:00 noon on Saturday, September 29, 2012. Contact Persons: Sumbul Syed syeds2@mcmaster.ca (Cell: 905-518-5966); Rama Singh singh@mcmaster.ca (Cell: 905-975-0152)

School College Work Initiative Websites "These new sites have a wealth of information about dual credits and college opportunities for Ontario students": www.gotocollege.ca
www.alleraucollege.ca

Community Resource Directory Resources for youth (and others) ranging from credit counselling, to employment services, to health services, to job search sites, and much more can be found by visiting the Resource Directory housed on Lostmyjob.ca. The directory is searchable by city. Lostmyjob.ca is a site for workers of all ages that that been laid off from their jobs. As well as a directory of services, the site offers peer-to-peer support, success stories, polls and tips for those who have been laid off.

Hamilton Board's Virtual Blackboard

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/media/newsletters/virtual/?m=20110930>

College Voice - <http://www.collegesontario.org/>

<http://www.contactnorth.ca/> Online learning

CAREER INFORMATION

Career Cruising www.careercruising.com/ontario
http://www.careercruising.com/Public/Ontario_FR.aspx

This page is dedicated to bringing relevant information and resources to our Ontario users. Look for links to web trainings, Course Planner demonstrations, and resources for Ontario teachers and counsellors.

OUAC The Ontario Universities' Application Centre <http://www.ouac.on.ca>

OCAS Ontario College Application Services www.ontariocolleges.ca

Student Costs for university / college <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/postsec/costs.html>

eINFO <http://www.infoelectronique.ca/en/index.php?j=1&flash=1> for up-to-date information about university programs, admission requirements and additional resources. We hope that you will continue to be actively involved in the enhancement of eINFO as a university research tool.

Virtual Tour of Mohawk College <http://www2.mohawkcollege.ca/dept/market/vtour/>

Transfer programs: A smoother transition to university "When it comes time to consider their post-secondary options, young people from small towns and rural areas often have little choice but to leave home and move to larger cities, where university campuses are typically found.""Canadian colleges are working to introduce more university-transfer programs and other joint programs with universities. The Ontario government recently put in place a credit-transfer system to ease student mobility between the province's colleges and universities."

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/education/campus-reports/a-smoother-transition-to-university/article2238408/>
'TypeFocus Careers' at <http://careers.typefocus.com>

Ranking of World Universities: Since 2004, the Ranking Web is published twice a year (January and July), covering more than 20,000 Higher Education Institutions worldwide. <http://www.webometrics.info/>

<http://www.schoolfinder.com/schools/socialnetwork.asp?StudyType=2> Finding University College Pages on Twitter, Facebook, You Tube or blogs.

OCAD University The Ontario College of Art & Design

http://www.ocad.ca/about_ocad/articles/news_releases/20100608_ocad_becomes_ocad_university.htm

Guide to Canadian Universities

<http://www.globecampus.ca/in-the-news/article/your-guide-to-canadian-universities/>

Overseas Schools

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/list/oversea.html>

Studying Abroad <http://www.cbie-bcei.ca/> The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) is a national, bilingual, not-for-profit, membership organization dedicated to the promotion of Canada's international relations through international education: the free movement of ideas and learners across national boundaries. CBIE's activities comprise scholarship management, civil society and public sector reform, research and information services, advocacy, training programs, professional development for international educators and other services for members and learners. CBIE promotes the special interests of the international learner, both the foreign national studying in Canada and the Canadian studying abroad, through educational exchanges, scholarships, training awards and internships, technical assistance in education and other related services.

<http://www.cicic.ca/384/studying-abroad.canada> This online directory is maintained by the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC) in consultation with the provincial/territorial ministries and departments responsible for education; it is updated on an ongoing basis. As such, it is the only authoritative list of offshore schools that are recognized by the competent jurisdictional authorities in Canada.

An online webinar and professional development opportunity to learn more about the value of students taking a gap year:

- Highlighting gap year benefits, best practices, and debunking surrounding myths
- Providing resources and practical tools to help your students move forward and make informed decisions
- Exploring strategies for raising awareness in your school and community

Available dates Sept 13, 19, Oct 5th @ 12.30-1.30pm Please contact Michelle@mygapyear.ca and visit our website www.mygapyear.ca

Apprenticeships

www.apprenticesearch.com Financial Incentives, apprenticeship resources, recruitment and retention.

www.apprenticesearch.blogspot.com

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Hamilton (905) 529-4483 x 232 hamiltonadmin@apprenticesearch.com; Kitchener

skillsontarioadmin@apprenticesearch.com; Niagara apprentice@becon.org; Peel-Halton-Dufferin

admin@apprenticesearch.com

The Centre for Skills Development & Training <http://www.thecentre.on.ca/>

Tradeability.ca is a collaborative effort between community partners in Durham Region, funded by the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. Our goal is to meet current and future market demand for skilled trades people in Durham Region. <http://www.tradeability.ca/>

Ontario HVACR [Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration]

WHAT DO YOU NEED BEFORE YOU CAN APPLY? Minimum Grade 12 Secondary School Graduation Diploma, as established by the Ontario Ministry of Education (or equivalent for applicants educated outside Canada); Grade 12 English, Grade 12 Math, Grade 11 or 12 Physics (Grade 12 Chemistry is under review)

<http://www.hvacrcareer.ca/welcome/>

OSCA Resources:

<http://www.osca.ca/onwinlinks/index.cfm?fuseaction=Links&Category=329&PageID=1090&PageCategory=89>

<http://www.youthnethamilton.ca/youthspace.php?contentid=64> Youth Services Guide

Search our virtual Youth Services Guide. You can order our Youth Services Guides in pocket or poster format on line. youthnet@hamilton.ca Youth Net Hamilton 1447 Upper Ottawa Street Hamilton, ON L8W 3J6 905.546.2424 x7117 Youth Net Coordinator 905.546.2424 x7094 Youth Action Team (YAT)

Coordinator (former Youth Advisory Team). MISSION: Youth Net Hamilton is an organization of youth and adults partnering to promote the mental health and well-being of youth. VISION: Youth Net Hamilton helps youth with issues affecting them today by empowering them and giving them a voice. Youth Net Hamilton is a mental health promotion and early intervention program for youth ages **13 to 18**. The program is funded and administrated by Hamilton Public Health Services and supported by the Youth Net Hamilton Steering Committee. The program promotes youth mental health through Focus Groups and its Youth Action Team. Youth Net Hamilton strives to increase communication and awareness around youth and mental health issues, decrease the stigma surrounding mental illness, and help youth connect with each other and their community.

SCHOLARSHIP SITES:

30% off of Ontario Tuition ... www.ontario.ca/30off ... check it out

Information on financial assistance, scholarships, and bursaries is available in secondary school guidance offices, in many social agencies, at chartered banks and credit unions, and in college financial aid offices.

<http://www.schoolfinder.com/finance/index.asp>

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

<http://www.studentawards.com/>

<http://www.internationalscholarships.com/>

http://www.aucc.ca/scholarships/index_e.html

www.canlearn.ca Government of Canada

www.scholarshipscanada.com In order to help you manage these important dates,

ScholarshipsCanada.com now offers **Scholarship Alerts**. The alerts are sent out once a month and list the scholarships that you might be eligible for with a deadline in the next 40 days. To sign up for this feature make sure you have subscribed to Scholarship Alerts - you will find this under My Subscriptions which is under My Account. You must have a scholarship search profile on ScholarshipsCanada.com for this to be active

Scholarships & Financial Assistance <http://www.osca.ca/en/students/success-at-school/scholarships-a-financial-assistance/37-scholarships-a-financial-assistance>

At Risk <http://www.osca.ca/en/about-us/osca/carso/13-carso>

Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation <http://www.cmsf.ca/>

Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) <http://www.cbie-bcei.ca/english/scholarship/>

Canadian and International Scholarship Programs - Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada

<http://www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/index.aspx/menu-en.html?view=d>

LDAC Scholarships - Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC)

Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program

Society of Graphic Designers of Canada (GDC)

"Make it Right" Scholarships - The Holmes Foundation

Canadian Printing Industries Association (CPIA)

Canadian Hospitality Foundation (CHF)

Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA)

Automotive Industries Association (AIA) of Canada

Aboriginal Scholarship / Bursary Guide - Aboriginal Multi-Media Society

Investor Education Fund / Student Scholarship Competitions

<http://financialplan.about.com/money/financial>

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/audiences/youth/index.shtml> **Service Canada** Apprenticeship

Grants Canada Student Loans Program Canada Student Loans Program - Permanent Disability Benefit

EDC International Studies Scholarship Program Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP)

Grant for Part-time students Grant for Part-time students with dependants

Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities

Grant for Students from Low-Income Families Grant for Students from Middle-Income Families

Grant for Students with Dependants Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) Program - Doctoral Scholarships

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) Program - Master's Scholarships

Legal Excellence Program National Research Council Co-op Program

National Research Council Student Employment Program

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada's Scholarship and Fellowship Programs

Post-Secondary Student Support Program Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)
Summer Work Experience Program

<http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca/> COLLEGE The W. Garfield Weston Awards program was established in 1999 by the generous contribution and vision of The W. Garfield Weston Foundation. Administered by the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation, the program is designed to recognize outstanding college-bound students who show a strong commitment to their fields of study and are interested in making positive contributions to their community

Did you know that 80% of scholarships on ScholarshipsCanada.com don't require an academic average? You don't need to be a star student to receive a scholarship. In fact, with these great scholarship tips, you'll be well on your way to finding the right scholarship for you!

Plan Ahead: Since scholarship deadlines occur throughout the year, there are always scholarships you can apply for - particularly with 17% of scholarship deadlines occurring throughout April and May, you'll be busy banking in on many opportunities. Making the most of upcoming scholarship deadlines requires plenty of preparation, so even if you're in grades 9 through 11, it's not too early to start. And if you've already embarked on your post-secondary studies, it's not too late!

Apply Now!: There are many different types of scholarships on ScholarshipsCanada.com - more than 29,000 scholarships totaling over \$93 million, it's got everything you need to start your scholarship search. Create a profile and you'll be matched to the scholarships that suit you best. Remember, even smaller scholarships add up to a lot of money.

Be Positive: Don't underestimate yourself. You may have qualifications you've never considered such as extracurricular activities, sports, interests and even affiliations. Have you ever volunteered? Acted in a school play? Taken a leadership role in your school, church, or community? All these things will make scholarship administrators sit up and take notice. Give it a try - it's worth it!

Remember Deadlines: With so many things going on, it's easy to miss a deadline. Did you know that ScholarshipsCanada.com offers a service called **Scholarship Alerts?** You can get notified about scholarships in your account with deadlines within the next 40 days. Plenty of time for you to prepare your essays, cover letters and other materials for your applications.

The right scholarship is out there for you, and by applying the tips above, you'll be one step closer to achieving your educational goals. While it is good to apply for as many scholarships as possible, it's important to read all the scholarship criteria carefully. If you ever have any questions about a particular scholarship, feel free to contact schools or scholarship administrators to ask questions or to follow up. Good luck!

<https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal> Going to college or university can help you find a great career. With a range of grants and loans, starting your education may be easier than you think. Whether you're coming straight from high school, or a mature or graduate student, there are options you should explore: 1.OSAP Financial Aid – a range of programs that, based on financial need, offers non-repayable grants as well as loans you must repay. Fill out one application to be considered for everything, including 30% Off Ontario Tuition. 2.30% Off Ontario Tuition – money you don't have to repay, designed for students entering a public college or university program from high school, or within four years of graduating from high school. You can apply for this program without applying for OSAP.

JOBS

Local Labour Market Report <http://bit.ly/yayb4y>

"According to a recent report by the Ontario Literacy Coalition, the number of entry level jobs continues to rise but jobs that were once considered low-skilled are now becoming middle-skilled positions. This will have a major impact on those with less than high school when it comes to accessing entry-level employment. With 55% of current clients reporting only Grade 12 or less, we still have a long way to go."

Summer Jobs

Employment Hamilton 67+ 77 Victoria Avenue South, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 2S8 905-522-YOOT (9668) or 905-522-4902 Are you eligible to apply for jobs through the Summer Jobs Service? Yes, if you are between the ages of 15 to 24 (or up to 29 for persons with disabilities) and **returning to school this fall** you qualify to apply for jobs through this service. Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Fridays - 9:00 a.m. to noon only. There is also the Hire a Student Centre (call 905-572-2131 for location and hours as it changes year to year) that has our Job Postings Binders as well as other summer jobs opportunities. If you would like us to contact you, just send an email with your contact information to:

getajob@vootworks.info <http://www.employmenthamilton.com/> * for general information on Employment Ontario services call the toll-free Employment Ontario hotline at 1-800-387-5656 (TTY1-866-533-6339) or visit www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/ 905-522-4902

Job Connect Mohawk College - Job Connect Fennell Campus 135 Fennell (corner of Fennell and West 5th) Hamilton 905-575-2177 Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. An employment program for youth (15 –30) if the youth identifies as having a disability) who are out of school and looking for work. Employment Preparation and Planning, On-The-Job Training, and Information and Referral Services are all components of the program. The Job Connect program is offered by two agencies in Hamilton: http://cishw.on.ca/faxdata/2007/May/2007May28_4.pdf
www.jobconnect.mohawkcollege.ca <http://bit.ly/GQBeJv>

Part time jobs on kijiji <http://hamilton.kijiji.ca/f-jobs-part-time-students-W0QQCatIdZ59>

www.JobsPeopleDo.com: Jobs People Do has been designed to assist teens in making their career choices. Jobs People Do is an exciting, informative hands on look at many job options. Jobs People Do has an objective to inspire kids to think outside the box, define paths of exciting career options, instill confidence and empower teens to believe in themselves. JobsPeopleDo.com is an interactive website featuring jobs, videos, post-secondary facilities volunteer information, campus life, articles, a book club, resume building, scholarships and much more. JobsPeopleDo is fresh, and updated weekly, constantly evolving, becoming bigger and better. We're building this site for both students and teachers, so please tell us how we can assist you: We're also designing a special area just for teachers, called the "Teachers Lounge" where you will be able to chat with other teachers across Canada. <http://www.jobspeoledo.com/> info@jobspeoledo.com

<http://www.careerservices.uwaterloo.ca/links/UsefulWebSub2.asp> Temp jobs, scholarships, volunteering and so on

Advice to Teenagers about Finding a Job http://www.quintcareers.com/teen_first_job.html

So, you want to find a job? Ontario to offer an agricultural education. But officials there said it can't graduate students fast enough.

Self Employment

<http://www.businessstown.com/> Start and run a small business without losing your shirt, your sleep, or your sanity!

Your Guide to Small Business is designed to give entrepreneurs the tools they need to succeed. It's not a "how to" book; it's an information resource that will help identify the things one needs to do before, during and after launching a business. http://www.sbe.gov.on.ca/ontcan/sbe/en/st_vrguide_en.jsp

EXCHANGES:

TAKING A YEAR OFF An online webinar and professional development opportunity to learn about the value of taking a gap year: • Highlighting gap year benefits, best practices, and debunking surrounding myths • Providing resources and tools to help students move forward and make informed decisions • Exploring strategies for raising awareness in your school and community Available dates: **April 20, 23, 27th @ 12.30-1.30pm** Contact home@mygapyear.ca and www.mygapyear.ca (Educators page)

Lattitude Global Volunteering (ex-GAP) is an international youth development charity. We have 40 years' experience and this year will send our 40,000th volunteer on one of our fully-supported programs in 18 countries. We offer young people challenging, structured volunteering experiences. Email david@lattitudecanada.org for presentations or visit www.lattitudecanada.org

International Volunteer Opportunities with Projects Abroad Projects Abroad sends volunteers ages 16+ to 27 countries to do various service projects and volunteer work. We will be hosting an Open House BBQ on May 17th from 4-8pm for more information. For high school specific projects and event details please visit: <http://www.projects-abroad.ca/> Allison Kean allisonkean@projects-abroad.org Foreign Language Courses Abroad Projects Abroad offers the option of a month long intensive language course placement in the following languages and destinations: Arabic – Morocco French – Morocco and Senegal Portuguese – Brazil Russian – Moldova Spanish – Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru. These language placements include 60 hours of personal classes per month on a one-on-one basis. The lessons are tailored to suit your ability and personal requirements. You will normally study 15 hours

per week from Monday to Friday, which will give you plenty of time to complete homework, spend time with your local host family, and practice your skills in your new surroundings.

Take part in a Two-way Exchange in Canada funded in part by Exchanges Canada Groups from different parts of the country are twinned according to their age and interests, while playing an active role in planning the exchange. <http://www.exchanges.gc.ca/Main.asp?Language=0>

http://www.afs.org/afs_or/home AFS Intercultural Programs is one of the world's largest community-based volunteer ... Austria, Belgium Flanders, Belgium French, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada ... 11/3/2009 - Yucaipa student on AFS exchange in Belgium

<http://www.twoworldsunited.org/canada.html> Two Worlds United foreign exchange students will discover Canada's spectacular scenery, limitless recreational activities, friendly people, safe towns, and the exciting cities of Toronto, Montréal, and Vancouver

http://www.destineducation.ca/edupro/annex-h1_e.htm A World to Study and Explore In the world of education, the Web is a tremendous marketplace of ideas and contacts for educators, high-school guidance counselors, international student advisers, international educators, and study-abroad advisers looking for learning opportunities either for their students or themselves.

VOLUNTEER:

These organizations need help: Neighbour to Neighbour (905) 574-1334 or www.n2ncentre.com, Art Gallery of Hamilton volunteering@artgalleryofhamilton.com, Meals on Wheels (905) 522-1022, SPCA Apprentice Training Program Kids 13 – 15 yrs www.hbspca.com (905) 574-7722 x 326, St. Joe's Hospital volunteers during daytime (905) 522-01155 x 32774, Alternatives for Youth (905) 527-4469, The Victory Garden & Community Garden plots (905) 575-9439, Dundas Community Services (905) 627-5461, Heart and Stroke Foundation (905) 574-4105 Volunteer Visiting 522-0053, Meals on Wheels 522-1022, Good Beginnings 522-0053, Wellwood Resource Centre 527-4322 x 42150, Language Instruction for Newcomers 546-3444, Bob Kemp Hospice 387-2448, Wellwood 527-4322 x 42150, Ronald McDonald House (day) 521-9983, Juravinski Cancer Centre 575-9220 x 3116 SMART Seniors Exercise (905) 522-0053

Volunteering in Ancaster Information is located at Ancaster Information Services 905-648-6675 inf@ancinfo.on.ca or www.ancastercommunityservices.ca We do not have enough drivers to take people to their medical appointments so if you can offer one or two hours per week please give them a call.

Volunteer Hamilton 2 King St. W., Unit 293 Hamilton 905 522 9933 info@volunteerhamilton.on.ca or <http://www.volunteerhamilton.on.ca/> Accessing our VH data base of volunteer jobs is quite simple ... go to our web site at www.volunteerhamilton.on.ca and click on the volunteer opportunities link. The data base can be accessed in a number of ways, by geographical location in the City (central, mountain etc); type of volunteer activity (seniors, animals, kids etc); or by the name of a particular agency (CNIB, Blood Services etc).

Volunteering in Hamilton area http://www.science.mcmaster.ca/scs/volunteering/v_hamilton.html

A new backgrounder on volunteering is available online, prepared by **the Social Economy Centre of the University of Toronto**. It is designed to give you information that could be of use in advising students participating in Ontario's Community Involvement Activities program. Available at: http://socialeconomy.utoronto.ca/english/pdfs/backgrounders/ocia_background.pdf

OTHER

YMCA Peace Nomination Form: http://www.vmcabhb.ca/filemanager_files/peace-medal/2012-peace-medal-ticket-sponsor-form.pdf **Wednesday Nov 21st** "Peace has many dimensions. It is not only a state of relationship among nations. We cannot expect to live in a world of peace if we are unable to live in

peace with those close to us – even those who differ from us. The responsibility for peace begins with each person, in relationship with family and friends, and extends to community life and national activities.”

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/secondary.html> Secondary Education

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/elementary.html> Elementary Education

Special needs students may get break on high school credits

<http://mobile.thestar.com/mobile/NEWS/article/1153455>

In February 2012, **CODA** launched their first Transitional Curriculum delivery for Grade 9 students in Winnipeg, Whitby and Elliot Lake. Youths in Grade 9 experienced a session full of learning and activities.

Council on **Drug Abuse**: <http://www.drugabuse.ca/>

Helping Students Prepare For Life After High School McGuinty Government Helping Students Turn Their Passion Into A Career More than 9,000 students at 37 high schools across the province will be getting extra help in the classroom to learn about the benefits of postsecondary education and choose a career. Starting this fall, the new Life After High School program will help Grade 12 students and their families: better understand college, university and apprenticeship options; navigate the application process for OSAP; and overcome barriers that may discourage students from applying to college, university or apprenticeship.

Helping more students graduate high school and get a postsecondary education or training is part of the McGuinty government's plan to help every student succeed and build a knowledge-based economy for the future. <http://news.ontario.ca/tcu/en/2011/06/helping-students-prepare-for-life-after-high-school.html>

<http://news.ontario.ca/tcu/fr/2011/06/aider-les-eleves-a-se-preparer-a-la-vie-apres-lecole-secondaire.html>

[http://www.osca.ca/uploadedfiles/File/fact sheet life after high school.doc](http://www.osca.ca/uploadedfiles/File/fact%20sheet%20life%20after%20high%20school.doc)

[http://www.osca.ca/uploadedfiles/File/feuille de renseignements - la vie aprÃ’s le secondaire - 2011 06 16 - final- fact sheet \(2\).do](http://www.osca.ca/uploadedfiles/File/feuille%20de%20renseignements%20-%20la%20vie%20apr%C3%AAs%20le%20secondaire%20-%202011%2006%20-%20final%20-%20fact%20sheet%20(2).do)