

BACKGROUND FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS



Ottawa	October 27 th , 2009
London	November 17 ^h , 2009
GTA	January 19 th , 2010
Thunder Bay	February 10 th , 2010

“The Ontario Road Show” is a collaborative partnership initiative formed between the Ontario Network of Employment Skills Training Projects (ONESTEP) and the Ontario Association of Youth Employment Centres (OAYEC). ONESTEP will host a one day conference especially designed for Job Developers and Placement Professionals in each of the four Ontario regions. OAYEC will host a two day face-to-face professional development, college level curriculum, designed to enhance the skills of job developers, followed by 36 hours of distance education for a total of 45 credit hours..

The one day conference will focus on skills enhancement for employees engaged in work with employers. Conference highlights will include; a keynote speaker, an employer panel, labour market information specific to each region and workshop options on related topics

“The Ontario Road Show” will interest delegates from the following groups:

- Individuals working with employers and clients
- Job developers and their managers
- High school co-op teachers
- Placement officers and co-op consultants from Ontario's Colleges and Universities

Potential Workshop Topics

ONESTEP is seeking workshops that will enhance the skills and knowledge of the conference delegates in the following areas:

- Sourcing employment opportunities
- Working with employers towards job retention
- Helpful hints on making the most of training incentives
- Apprenticeship / skilled trades pathways
- Partnerships (with employers or other agencies)
- Working with special population groups facing multiple barriers (persons with disabilities, at risk youth, older workers)

Please keep in mind that these are *examples only*; use them as a springboard for your ideas. Suggestions are welcome.

Concurrent workshops will be 90 minutes in length. Presentations should be interactive in nature and can take a variety of formats, i.e. workshop, panel discussion, focus group, case study, or directed round table discussions.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- If you are uncertain whether or not your workshop materials or ideas will meet the needs of this conference, please contact events@onestep.on.ca for assessment and evaluation assistance. New ideas and presenters are welcomed.
- Receipt of all proposals will be acknowledged. The Content Committee will contact you if we require additional information in order to reach a decision.
- We typically receive more proposals than we have spaces available. Workshop selection is an adjudicated process based on relevancy of the topic to the selected themes and to the audience. All speakers will be notified regarding the status of their proposal according to the scheduled outlined.

Thank you for your interest in the Ontario Road Show.