



“The Feather”, Aboriginal Learning memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted (kerins_l@surreyschools.ca) up to noon on the previous Friday.

YMCA Youth Employment Program - Recruitment Now Open

The YMCA’s Youth Breakthrough to Employment and Training (YBEAT) program is gearing up for its next intake!

YBEAT is a free 5-week program that supports youth ages 17-29 who experience mental health barriers, stress, or anxiety around returning to the workforce. The program includes workshops on pre-employment skills, mental wellness, as well as 1-1 support from an Employment Coach. Upon completion of the 5-week program, participants must engage in 12-weeks of part-time, full-time or volunteer work to further develop their skills and gain experience.

The next intake starts November 8 and it will be delivered online through Zoom. Recruitment for this program is now open, and there are 15 spots to fill. If you are working with a youth that matches the eligibility criteria below, please fill out the [inquiry form](#) and an employment coach will be in touch with the youth within 24 hours. Alternatively, you can direct them to our information session at ymcayouthbeat.eventbrite.ca

Basic eligibility criteria:

- Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents, or Confirmed Refugees
- Between 17 and 29 years old
- Unemployed or precariously employed (<20 hours per week)
- Experiencing stress, anxiety, depression, or mental health barriers to employment
- Not currently in school or taking 1-2 courses only

If you have any questions, please contact us at youthbeat@gv.ymca.ca

Virtual Beading Circle – October 13th – 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Open to all self-identifying Indigenous residents in Surrey. Beading kits available through contactless delivery (Surrey only).

Click [here](#) sign up.