

1. Ensure that all programs and services relating to youth employment are accessible and online in a single location.

Background:

One barrier identified by the Youth Futures Council is the online accessibility of programs and services as they relate to youth employment.

Rationale:

- There currently exist a number of programs and services for youth related to employment and skills development opportunities.
- While there are many different programs and services available, information about them is scattered and may not be ideal for youth interested in learning about all possible opportunities available to them.

Recommendation:

- Develop a user-friendly, easily accessible web database with program/service names, details, and links to respective websites, forms, etc
- Promote this database to youth via social media, schools, newsletters, employment centres, etc.

2. Expand the Community Bursary Program.

Background:

The Community Bursary program is a vital program, allowing youth in grades 11-12 the opportunity to volunteer in the community and earn hours towards a bursary (maximum \$500).

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Recommendation:

- Lower the minimum age to grade 10 and increase the number of hours to 150 to allow for greater community involvement and work experience.