Welcome Message

Welcome to our Information Fair for 2013. Come and learn about the many services and organizations that exist to support Willowdale youth and their families as they encounter everything from learning opportunities and challenges, to mental and physical health matters, to looking for jobs. Please feel free to gather as much information as you’d like from the many community support organizations assembled at this event.

Your Co-hosts,

Mari Rutka  
TDSB Trustee  
Willowdale

Youth Employment Partnerships,  
City of Toronto

David Zimmer  
MPP  
Willowdale

Chungsen Leung  
MP  
Willowdale
Across U-hub is a community organization, based on Christian faith, dedicated to serving Canadian youth, especially those of Chinese descent. Our programs - through cultural media, mentoring guidance, peer support system, and group activities - offer inter-disciplinary training with the intent to build up creative capacity, discernment ability, and communication skills. These programs are designed to facilitate integration into our multicultural society and to nurture personal holistic growth socially, emotionally and spiritually.

www.acrossuhub.com  905.944.1944

Association of Career Educators ACE is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping youth with career planning. As parents are the most important and the greatest influence for teens in career decision-making, we offer presentations, workshops and counselling for both parents and teens on the career planning process.

www.AceOfOntario.ca  416.476.8790

AYCE Employment Services supports people from all walks of life to secure employment. Working with Employment Ontario and being an umbrella branch of Tropicana Community Services, AYCE has several departments including, but not limited to: Job Developing, Employment Counselling, & Student Programming. We work with a diverse clientele offering training opportunities, workshops, certifications, employment counselling and career related support. AYCE’s mission is to "provide opportunities and alternatives that lead to success and positive life choices".

www.ayce.on.ca  416.491.7000

Center for Information and Community Services is a non-profit community organization that empowers immigrants in settling and integrating as contributing members of Canadian society through diverse, professional and innovative services.

www.cicscanada.com  416.292.7510

City of Toronto Youth Employment Partnerships is a network of non-profit agencies that supports youth entering the workforce. This is done through partnership building and identifying needs of youth vs demands of labour market. YEP facilitates a number of citywide customized job fairs that connect hundreds of people to a large variety of job opportunities on an annual basis.

www.toronto.ca/yep  416.397.7317

CNIB Rehabilitation services for people who are blind or partially sighted.

www.cnib.ca  416.486.2500

COPA is a Francophone non-profit agency with bilingual capacity and is an award-winning leader in the field of bullying and violence prevention, as well as equity and inclusive education. Established in 1995, COPA is a unique organization providing educational resources for schools in Ontario. COPA is the recipient of a number of prestigious awards for its contributions to positive social change.

www.infocopa.com  416.466.7490

COSTI Immigrant Services North York Centre provides social, recreational and employment related services that include: Language Classes, Settlement Services, Housing Help, Community Connections programs, Seniors' and Women's programs, and Family and Mental Health services.

www.costi.org  416.244.0480

Councillor John Filion City Councillor for Ward 23 Willowdale. Our office can help connect residents to their community through local events or organizations, can connect or troubleshoot issues with City of Toronto services, and serve as a voice on City wide or local community issues.

www.johnfilion.ca  416.395.6411

Crime Prevention Association of Toronto prevents crime by educating, supporting and mobilizing communities. We organize Neighbours Nite Out, Neighbourhood Watch, ABCs of Fraud, Youth and the Law, and many other programs that help educate & support people in an effort to PREVENT crime from happening.

www.cpatoronto.org  416.225.1102

Developmental Services Ontario is a single point of entry for individuals with a developmental disability to access Ministry funded adult Developmental Services and Supports. DSO will confirm a person’s eligibility to receive Ministry Funded adult developmental services; assess an individual’s support needs; connect individuals to available adult services and supports.

www.dspotoronto.ca  1.855.372.3658

Extend-A-Family supports families that have children and youth with developmental challenges. We try and create opportunities for friendship, participation and inclusion in community.

www.extendafamily.ca  416.484.1317

Habitat for Humanity Toronto Our mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

www.torontohabitat.ca  416.755.7353

Homework Help is a program funded by the Ontario government and administered through TVO’s Independent Learning Centre (ILC). The online service focuses on providing free online math resources to Ontario students, including a one-on-one live tutor chat with an Ontario certified teacher, offered 5 days a week. Students also have the ability to access free online math resources 24/7, including videos, online tutorials, commonly asked questions, as well as a number of other free online tools to help students overcome math challenges.

www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org  416.484.2600

HOPE is a community based, parent-run organization that provides hope, encouragement, resources and education to parents of acting out youth in a safe, confidential and supportive environment. Our vision is: to build a network of community based HOPE groups that are respected sources of support for parents; to have HOPE groups remain local, parent-run and consistent with our core values; and to have HOPE be the "Go To" organization for parents in need, as early as possible, thereby avoiding escalation to crisis.

www.helpingotherparentseverywhere.com  1.866.492.1299

Jessie's - The June Callwood Centre for Young Women is a multi-service drop in centre for pregnant teenagers and young parents under 20 years old. The centre has a TDSB section 23 high school, counselling, housing support, parenting groups, health program, etc.

www.jessiescentre.org  416.365.1888

Kiwi Commons provides the best Internet safety resources for parents, educators and youth workers across North America. We encourage proactive strategies for youth and online safety through education, discussion and community building. We foster responsible web use by cultivating a strong foundation for open dialogue between youth and adults.

www.kiwicommmons.com  1.888.508-4805

Learning Disabilities Association Toronto District is committed to creating a society in which children, youth and adults with learning disabilities and or AD(H)D are able to achieve the full expression of their intellect and abilities and are enabled to become contributing members of our society.

www.ldatd.on.ca  416.229.1680
Directory of 2013 Exhibitors

Mood Disorders Association of Ontario provides peer support to those with mood disorders through peer support groups, telephone support and recovery programs. It’s Family and Youth program offers support and counseling to families that have a loved one between the ages of 14-35 that is showing signs of a first episode of psychosis and a mood disorder.
www.mooddisorders.ca 416.486.8046

MP for Willowdale Chungsen Leung MP Leung’s office assists constituents living in the riding of Willowdale with accessing services provided by the Canadian government.
www.chungsenleung.ca 416.223.2858

MPP for Willowdale David Zimmer MPP Zimmer's office assists constituents living in the riding of Willowdale with accessing services provided by the Ontario government.
www.davidzimmer.onmpp.ca 416.733.7878

NeighbourLink North York is a collection of local churches who work together to serve our neighbours. Volunteers from our churches respond to neighbour requests, such as help getting to an appointment, friendly visiting, completion of forms or assistance in shopping. In some cases, our services are based on financial need.
www.neighbourlink1@295.ca 416.221.8283

North York Historical Society works for the preservation of built and cultural history and promotes history through lectures, Newsletters, Walking tours, community heritage events, Archives for research and study, North York heritage promotion, historic plaquing and markers, and advocacy for the preservation of history.
www.nyhs.ca 416.223.5640

North York Seniors Centre provides programs and services to promote the physical, emotional and social well-being of adults 55+ living in our diverse community.
www.nysseniors.org 416.733.4111

North York YMCA Employment & Newcomer Centre provides employment programs and services for all job seekers. Newcomer services and literacy upgrading are also available on-site.
www.ymcaoftoronto.org 416.635.9622

Office of the Taxpayers’ Ombudsman is an independent and impartial officer appointed to examine service-related complaints from people who believe they have been treated unfairly or unprofessionally by the Canada Revenue Agency. The Ombudsman works to uphold the Taxpayer Bill of Rights and offers a final avenue of redress.
www.oto-boc.gc.ca 1.866.586.3839

Parent Support Connection Support and education for parents and caregivers of troubled/acting out young people.
www.parentsupportconnection.org 416.481.4543

Parks, Forestry & Recreation - City of Toronto will share any job opportunities available, plus share on how to apply to PFR jobs and advise of key job postings and deadlines for future opportunities.
www.toronto.ca 416.395.6157

SchoolMatch Canada helps prospective undergraduate students find the best university for them.
www.schoolmatch.ca 416.435.1017

Steve Chapelle Communications Inc. provides online behaviour presentations to Ontario students, parents and educators.
www.stevechapelle.ca 416.467.6856

TDSB Avondale Secondary Alternative School
At Avondale, students learn in a small, rigorous academic setting where close working relationships with staff and students are valued and celebrated. Our vision is to create a safe and nurturing learning and teaching environment that supports optimal development and excellence across all domains.
http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/avondalesa 416.395.3130

TDSB Aboriginal Education Centre (Brockton Centre) offers a range of services for First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their families. The Centre utilizes a holistic approach to enhance the overall achievement of Aboriginal students. We provide guidance & support for staff that work with Aboriginal students & community members. We seek to create more inclusive learning environments by promoting the infusion of Aboriginal perspectives across the curriculum.
www.tdsb.on.ca/aboriginaleducation 416.393.9600

TDSB Continuing Education is the community’s key provider of life-long opportunities for learning. From support for elementary and secondary students to adult ESL programs and general interest courses, our mission is to enable our learners to develop personal skills, build relationships and have fun through flexible, accessible and responsive programming.
www.tdsb.on.ca/coned 416.338.4000

TDSB Earl Haig Secondary School Claude Watson Arts Program is an enriched secondary school program in the arts for students with special interests and talents in dance, dramatic arts, screen arts, music, and visual arts. The Claude Watson dream is also firmly grounded in the realities of hard work, academic and artistic integrity, a strong co-curriculum program and a curriculum that goes beyond the Ministry of Education and Training guidelines.
www.claudewatson.ca 416.395.3210

TDSB Enhanced Language Training (ELT) Program includes an eight-week enhanced language training course which focuses on improving participants’ Business English skills and introduces them to Canadian workplace culture.
www.elt4employment.ca 416.395.3669

TDSB Next-Steps Employment Centre runs seven Employment Centres in Toronto, Mississauga, and Vaughan. These sites are funded by Employment Ontario to help clients find work by matching them with the Employers on hand looking for employees. We also provide free workshops held at all our sites for clients to upgrade and improve themselves. We also provide Support for Employers and Employees.
www.next-steps.ca 416.395.9488

TDSB Parent Involvement Advisory Committee PIAC provides parents in the TDSB with support in the form of hand-outs distributed at various events. PIAC hosts an annual Parent Conference that provides key parent information and discussions. We provide information on protocol and support to school councils through workshops. We also host an annual event for Chairs/Co-chairs of school councils to share information and best practices. Our mandate requires us to give advice to the TDSB on policy & regulations to improve students’ success in the education system.
www.torontopiac.com 416.395.5040
Thank You Event Sponsors

Bagel World • Loblaws Empress Walk • Starbucks Yonge & Park Home
Tim Hortons Leslie & Major Mackenzie