

# Careers *that work!*

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The worst days of those who enjoy what they do, are better than the best days of those who don't.

- E. James Rohn



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## **Job Fest Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> marked the successful launch of the 20<sup>th</sup> annual **Job Fest** event. Grade eleven students from school districts 6, 8 and 10, along with over forty businesses, organizations, universities, colleges and government departments representing the six post-secondary destinations participated in the virtual career planning and development event.

Practical workshops, resources and networking opportunities set a stage where students could think about, explore and prepare for their careers. As one Belleisle Regional High School student described it, Job Fest is "the chance to know in a deeper way the options after graduation."

[www.careersthatwork.ca](http://www.careersthatwork.ca)

Most recently, Job Fest has transformed from a one day physical event where students convened to an online virtual environment. Many students enjoyed the opportunity to speak freely to Employers.

This new model incorporates the features of the traditional Job Fest model that students indicated were the most beneficial to them and introduces new strategies and skills that are required of job seekers who wish to remain competitive in today's emerging workforce. New strategies included social media networking and virtual recruitment platforms. Following the online career fair, students had an opportunity to have a mock interview experience with an employer in their community. Students really enjoyed the chance to do this, and had a chance to hear some helpful feedback about their "interview".



### **Free Computer Skills:**

Feel like you need a refresher?

[www.gcflernfree.org](http://www.gcflernfree.org)

### **Job Banks:**

Service Canada Job Bank:  
[www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)

Indeed  
[www.indeed.ca](http://www.indeed.ca)

Job Shark  
[www.jobshark.com](http://www.jobshark.com)

### **Interviews:**

York University  
[http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sowk/pdf/Interview\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sowk/pdf/Interview_Booklet.pdf)

## Making the Most of Your

### Summer Job

- Whether you like the job or not, it is an opportunity to build essential skills and, equally important, your reputation as an employee and coworker. Come to work every day, on time and ready to contribute. If you do have to leave the job for some reason, try to leave on good terms and give a reasonable amount of notice; failing to do so can haunt you in future job searches.
- If you are going to do something, do it well. Learn everything you can about the products and industry. Just because you don't plan to do that kind of job for the rest of your life, doesn't mean you can't give it your all right now. Not only does it impress employers, it will help you to build your skills and knowledge for future jobs.

Whether you are working at a gas bar, planting trees or serving ice cream, there will be opportunities to develop social and technical skills. The Work Room can help you develop an action plan.

Consider looking for work in places you already shop. Chances are you already know something about the products and services. *Bonus: many places offer an employee discount!*

### Students-

#### Create Your Own Summer Job!

Interested in starting your own business? Consider the **Student Entrepreneurship Program**. The program offers interest-free loans to students 16 years of age or older who want to create summer employment and gain business experience. "Retail shops, craftspeople, painting operations, computer companies, lawn care businesses and many other original ventures have received funding under entrepreneurship programs in the past," according to the site.

For more information & an application booklet containing directions on how to prepare a business plan and advice on the steps to take to form a business, check out the following Government of New Brunswick website:

[http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services\\_renderer.16976.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.16976.html)

#### Are you a Recent Graduate?

Under the **New Brunswick Tuition Rebate**, anyone, from anywhere in the world, who on or after January 1, 2005, pays tuition, graduates from an eligible post-secondary institution, lives and works in New Brunswick and pays New Brunswick personal income tax, will be eligible for a non-taxable rebate of 50% of their tuition costs with a maximum lifetime rebate of \$20,000.

Get your application at <http://www.gnb.ca/0162/tax/nbtr/nbtcbc-e.asp>

## Network your way to work:

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We bet you have found a job before by networking. Now might be the time to do it again. How?

- ▶ Volunteer
- ▶ Attend a career fair
- ▶ Tell people you are looking for work
- ▶ Talk to your neighbours
- ▶ Connect to a professional organization (if you belong to one)
- ▶ Talk to past professors or teachers
- ▶ Talk to someone while waiting in line

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