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## **Youth En Route**

The Youth En Route (YER) program is a program which helps young adults with disabilities explore their interests and develop skills for continued education, volunteering in their community and employment. Working with a team, participants develop a personal plan that will guide them through the various stages of the program.

YER is open to individuals between the ages of 16 and 29 who

- \* have a disability that affects access to existing community programs and services
- \* live in Bruce, Grey, London-Middlesex, Oxford, Elgin, Huron or Perth counties
- \* are no longer attending school
- \* can participate in developing their own personal goals and are willing to commit time

to achieve them.

This program may prove to be very beneficial for students who are just about to leave school or have recently left. To contact YER , phone 1-866-266-8244, ext 243 in Grey/Bruce

## **Grants for Secondary Teachers**

The Curriculum Foundation ( TCF) has announced the availability of two grants of \$2000 each to secondary teachers who submit ideas for resources to address the learning needs of “ students at risk”. The Curriculum Foundation is a registered charity affiliated with the Ontario Curriculum Centre and Curriculum Services Canada. Teachers may apply by linking to <http://www.curriculum.org/csc/news032004.stmhl> where they will find details and an application form. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2004. At that time, the winning proposals will be selected.

If you have an idea for a proposal and want to connect with others, feel free to contact Steve Peck at 364-5820, x271.

## **Grade 7-12 Literacy Conference on First Class**

A Grade 7-12 Literacy Conference has been developed on the First Class Intranet system. This conference contains a number of resources and ideas for teachers. Teachers are encouraged to visit the site regularly to access materials posted there as well as to post resources they have developed for others to use. It is hoped that this type of sharing will be of great benefit to all.

## Some Job Facts

- 1) The number of construction projects this year in the Owen Sound, Collingwood, Town of the Blue Mountains and Wasaga Beach areas are expected to exceed 2002 figures.
- 2) The Human Resources Centres of Canada for Students (HRCC-S) offer many different services to students. These include:
  - 1) student job postings
  - 2) assistance with resumes and cover letters
  - 3) help with job interviews
  - 4) volunteer experiencesOffices are located in Owen Sound, Walkerton and Collingwood and will be opening in early May.
- 3) The website [www.labourinformation.ca](http://www.labourinformation.ca) provides excellent information about current wage rates for specific occupations. This site also compares wages for specific jobs in various parts of Ontario, including the Owen Sound, Walkerton and Collingwood areas.

### Career Showcase

As part of the Skills Canada events, a hands-on, interactive display of careers in the trades will be held on May 4 at RIM Park in Kitchener. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to “experience” the trades and gain further information about possible career choices. Registration is free and any busing costs will be paid for by the board’s Pathways budget. For more information, visit the website [http://skillsontario.com/competitions/career\\_explor\\_show.html](http://skillsontario.com/competitions/career_explor_show.html).

### *Try This Literacy Strategy- Dictoglos*

***A strategy called “dictoglos” can be used to give students experience hearing and recording spoken English. To begin, the activity, students are asked to listen to a read-aloud with the teacher reading the entire passage of text in its entirety. The text is then read two more times aloud, during which time students are asked to try to take notes on what they hear. A few minutes are provided to write what they remember after each read aloud. After two attempts at writing exactly what they have heard, students pair up to share what they have written and to add more to their own notes. Two pairs then join and the four students collaborate. This strategy helps students to learn how to take notes during lectures as well as focus on what is being read aloud.***

***For further information on the Successful Student Pathways Program, contact Steve Peck, Principal, Student Pathways, Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, (519) 364-5820, ext 271.***