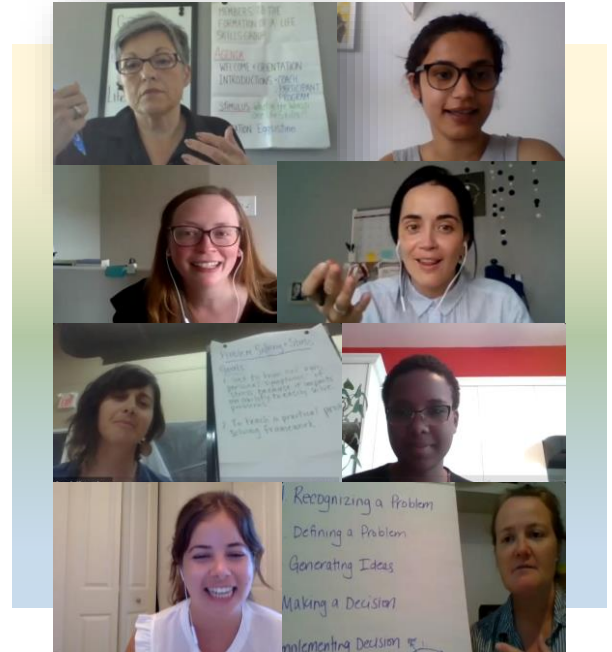


YWCA TORONTO ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Promoting a skilled and inclusive workforce across Canada

PROJECT UPDATE

YWCA Toronto's Essential Skills for Employment (ESE) program is excited to continue Phase Three of the YWCA Building Sustainable Futures initiative funded by the Government of Canada's Adult Learning, Literacy, and Essential Skills Program. YWCA Toronto worked with Collaborator Associations to complete the Life Skills Training in preparation to launch their pilot programs. As a result of the worldwide pandemic, COVID-19, the training took place over Zoom where collaborators presented their lessons virtually in group calls. The Life Skills Training was built upon promising practices and lessons learned from the YWCA Toronto 2010 Essential Skills for Employment project (Phase One) and the 2019 YWCA Building Sustainable Futures project (Phase Two). Resources and learning from the previous ESE initiatives can be accessed [here](#).



WHAT'S AHEAD?

The 11 Collaborator Associations are getting ready to launch their pilot programs over the next month. These programs will contribute towards the goals of Phase Three. We aim to emphasize career advancement, enhance essential skills, and boost the knowledge base of marginalized women with a focus on Indigenous, immigrant, youth, and mature workers.

STAY TUNED FOR EXCITING CHANGES!

Soon, we will introduce a learning community through an online portal for those wanting to learn more about the ESE Project, receive program updates through e-bulletins, or participate in upcoming events and forums. For more information, please visit [this link](#) and subscribe to our mailing list [here](#). You may also email us directly at buildingfutures@ywcatoronto.org.

OUR COLLABORATORS INCLUDE:

YWCA Agvvik Nunavut (NU), YWCA Halifax (NS), YWCA Hamilton (ON), YWCA Moncton (NB), Y des femmes de Montreal (YWCA Montreal), YWCA Muskoka, YWCA Metro Vancouver (BC), YWCA Saskatoon (SK), YWCA St. John's (NL), YWCA Thompson (MB), YWCA Toronto (ON)