

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## YWCA TORONTO LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE PUBLICATIONS TO HELP CREATE A SKILLED AND INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE

TORONTO, ON, CANADA - YWCA Toronto is happy to announce the publication of our YWCA Building Sustainable Futures model - an asset-based approach to employment skills development.

Nine YWCA Associations from across Canada collaborated to explore how our approach to essential skills training could be refined as a model and adapted to work with diverse underserved populations in different demographic areas. Our publications include a compendium of promising practices with a companion toolkit that contains a sampling of the lesson plans, practitioners' tips, and resources developed and tested by collaborators. This five-year national participatory research was funded by the Adult Learning, Literacy and Essential Skills Program, Government of Canada.

YWCA Toronto Employment and Training programs is dedicated to building sustainable futures for individuals and communities, with a focus on women who are at risk of being left behind in today's economy. We know from years of experience that women have the strength to create futures for themselves. We look at each woman as a whole, unique person. Our role is to provide women and young women with hope and the skills and resilience to create their own pathways to success. The impact was documented to share the emerging trends and opportunities. Through this project, over 550 individuals and 50 organizations and employers participated and many more showed interest in our approach and vision for the future.

We invite anyone who wishes to know more about the key findings emerging from this project to join our learning community. YWCA Toronto will be hosting a series of learning forums, online and in-person and we invite you to participate.

For more information, please visit online at [ywcatoronto.org/buildingfutures](http://ywcatoronto.org/buildingfutures) and subscribe to our mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/dmVV0l>



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