

YWCA TORONTO ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT (ESE)

NEWS AND UPDATES

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Promoting a Skilled and Inclusive Workforce across Canada

PROJECT UPDATE: YWCA Toronto's Essential Skills for Employment (ESE) program is excited to announce Phase Three of the YWCA Building Sustainable Futures Initiative, funded by the Government of Canada's Adult Learning, Literacy, and Essential Skills Program. Through this four-year initiative, YWCA Toronto will work with ten new and existing Collaborators to build on the promising practices and lessons learned that emerged from the YWCA Toronto 2010 Essential Skills for Employment project (Phase One), and the 2019 YWCA Building Sustainable Futures project (Phase Two). To access resources and learnings from the previous ESE initiatives please visit www.ywca-toronto.org/buildingfutures

WHAT'S AHEAD: In January 2019, YWCA Toronto extended an invitation to YWCA member associations to join the ESE national learning community through a Request for Proposals process. We are happy to share that we have now selected the ten Collaborator Associations who will be joining this next phase of the ESE initiative.

The goals of Phase Three are 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. A minimum of 500 women will be engaged through this initiative to increase their literacy and essential skills levels, bridge skills gaps and improve employment outcomes.

Through various knowledge exchange initiatives, the project will also expand its reach within Collaborator communities. We aim to build capacity of service providers, partners, employers, and other stakeholders who are supporting marginalized communities to gain access and engage in today's workforce.

As we move through Phase Three, we invite anyone who wishes to learn more about the ESE project, receive program updates through our e-bulletins, or participate in upcoming events and forums to join our growing online learning community.

For more information, please visit [ywca-toronto.org/buildingfutures](http://www.ywca-toronto.org/buildingfutures) and subscribe to our mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/dmVV01>. You may also email us directly at buildingfutures@ywca-toronto.org.



Our Collaborators Include:

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