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The Government of Canada helps Belleville youth prepare for the job market

BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO, March 25, 2011—Local youth who face barriers to employment will get job preparation training and work experience through the Government of Canada’s support for an employment project. Mr. Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward–Hastings, made the announcement today on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development.

“For many young Canadians, making the transition to the job market is a challenge, especially in today’s environment,” said Mr. Kramp. “That’s why our government is creating opportunities for youth to succeed through support for initiatives like this youth employment project.”

With assistance from the federal Skills Link program, the Quinte Adult Day School will help eight youth develop the skills and experience needed to find a job or the confidence to return to school.

The project participants will attend group-based employability workshops that focus on developing skills such as time management, decision making and résumé writing. The workshops will also focus on health and safety topics, including first aid and CPR. The participants will then be able to apply their new skills and gain hands-on experience through job placements with community organizations.

Skills Link helps youth facing barriers to employment, such as single parents, Aboriginal youth, youth with disabilities, recent immigrants, youth living in rural and remote areas, and youth who have dropped out of high school.

The Quinte Adult Day School will receive over \$83,000 in federal Skills Link funding to support its youth employment project.

Marsha Roadhouse, Executive Director of the Quinte Adult Day School said, “We appreciate the opportunity and it is an honour to be able to provide support to a group of youth who have tremendous potential.”

Some current Skill Link participants had the following to say about the program:

- *“Once in a lifetime opportunity.”*
- *“It’s been extremely helpful and a definite confidence booster.”*
- *“We are thankful for all the support we have been given.”*

Mr. Kramp also took the opportunity to celebrate the successful completion of another project delivered by the Quinte Adult Day School, which received over \$79,000 in federal Skills Link funding. The project participants had a chance to contribute their new skills to the community by working alongside Habitat for Humanity.