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DURHAM REGION UNEMPLOYED HELP CENTRE

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Richard Bach

Welcome

There were no shortages of challenges in 2020. We sincerely hope that 2021 brings renewed optimism for a better future.

Certainly, it is encouraging to see how many businesses, organizations and individuals have come together to support the needs of the community during the pandemic.

As always, we are here to help fuel the local economy by supporting employers and job seekers.

We offer several Employment Ontario programs designed to help employers succeed.

If you are an employer in need financial support to train new or existing employees, the Canada Ontario Job Grant could be for you.

If you are a young person looking to gain work experience and skills with paid employment opportunities, we offer programs to help you.

New to Canada and looking for employment? We can help!

A reminder that due to the lock-down, our services are only available online or by telephone until January 29th, 2021

[Contact us!](#)

Canada Summer Jobs

Employers, the annual call for applications for the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program is open until January 29, 2021.

To support employers through a period of economic recovery, up to 120,000 Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) for youth will be funded by the government – an increase of 40,000 jobs compared to last year.

Temporary flexibilities will aid the needs of employers and youth. Employers are encouraged to offer quality jobs on a full-time basis (35 hours per week), however, part-time jobs (minimum of 12 hours per week) will also be eligible for funding to enable hiring of youth outside of the summer period.

Employer applicants can apply for funding to hire youth anytime between April 26, 2021 and February 26, 2022.

Approved employers from the not-for profit sector are eligible for a wage subsidy reimbursement of up to 100% of the provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage.

Approved public and private sector employers will be eligible to receive a wage subsidy reimbursement of up to 75% of the provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage.

If you are an employer who is interested in creating quality work experiences that offer youth opportunities to develop and improve their skills, apply for the Canada Summer Job funding. It is easier than ever.

For more information:

Click: www.canada.ca/canada-summer-jobs

Call: 1-800-935-5555 (ATS: 1-800-926-9105)

Visit: [a Service Canada Centre](#)

AGC Signs

Our client DJ successfully completed his job placement with [AGC Signs](#) and continues to be employed there.

Thank you AGC Signs for supporting our clients by providing sustainable employment opportunities!

It is a pleasure to work with AGC Signs and we appreciate their ongoing support. We wish them continued success in the upcoming New Year.

Fast Track to Second Career

The Ontario government is making it easier and faster for laid-off workers to take advantage of the Second Career program – providing eligible individuals access to skills-training and financial support for in-demand positions in today's Labour Market.

Second Career program is open to all laid-off workers and jobseekers.

Priority is being given to individuals who were laid off in one of the sectors most impacted by COVID-19 (e.g. hospitality and food services, transportation and warehousing or wholesale and retail trade) and want to retrain for jobs in sectors that have good potential for future employment.

Apply for up to \$28,000 for costs including:

Tuition

Books

Manuals, Workbooks or Other Instructional Costs

Transportation

Basic Living Allowance (max \$410/week)

Child Care

We can help you navigate the application process of this Employment Ontario retraining program.

Learn how to gather the necessary information to inform your decision-making and to put forward a solid application.

[Attend a Second Career webinar](#) or [contact us for more information](#).

Mental Health for Newcomers

Durham Mental Health Services (DMHS) is pleased to provide timely community mental health support to Newcomers accessing the Pickering Welcome Centre.

[Available to connect online every Wednesday morning from 9:00am-11:00am.](#)

Learn about DMHS services and other community resources. Gain information and education about mental health, the mental health system, and identifying areas of need and goal development.

The services offered at the Welcome Centre are free and confidential. For assistance in booking a virtual appointment with a Community Mental Health Worker, please call 905-420-3607 or 1-877-761-1155.

HIP-T Series for Newcomers

The Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre (DRUHC) received funding through the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and Durham Community Foundation to help Newcomer Professionals navigate the additional challenges created in local labour markets by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding resulted in the creation of the Hiring Immigrant Professional Talent (HIP-T) program which aims to increase employer awareness of the pool of skilled immigrant talent in Durham Region, and provide immigrant job seekers with insights into labour market trends and hiring processes within key sectors of the local economy.

The first HIP-T session in December 2020, focused on the Healthcare Sector and brought together thirty-three (33) Immigrant Professionals and four (4) Health-related Employers from the Durham Region.

"It was an absolute pleasure participating in your first HIP-T Event yesterday....I look forward to future collaborations." - Delanie Kalogiros, Senior Talent Strategist, Sinai Health

"You had a great lineup of guest speakers with relevant and useful information for attendees. It was a wise decision to focus the session on one sector so that the event was more streamlined. I am sure the participant found the breakout sessions helpful ..." - Alana Andrews, Settlement Worker, (Community Connections), Community Development Council Durham

Our next HIP-T event is on January 13th with a focus on Education. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)

On January 27th the spotlight will be on the IT/Telecommunications sector. Stay tuned!

Free WHMIS Training

Get ahead of the competition and register with our agency for free WHMIS training.

You will receive your certificate of completion and assistance in preparing an effective cover letter and resume tailored to your desired occupation.

Training is by appointment. [Click to Register.](#)

Job Search Webinars

Do you need WHMIS Certification? Do you want to learn about Financial Literacy or more about the Labour Market? We can help you with all aspects of your job search!

Attend our online Job Search Workshops:

Financial Literacy with Credit Canada

January 6, 2020 – 2:00pm

[Click to Register.](#)

Second Career Orientation Part 1

January 7, 2020 – 1:00pm

[Click to Register.](#)

Kickstart Your Career Using LinkedIn

January 12, 2020 – 11:00am

[Click to Register.](#)

Résumés & Cover Letters

January 13, 2020 – 1:30pm

[Click to Register.](#)

Second Career Application Process Part 2 January 14, 2020 – 10:00am

[Click to Register.](#)

Mentoring Partnership Orientation

January 15, 2020 – 10:00am

[Click to Register.](#)

Ace Your Interviews

January 19, 2020 – 1:30pm

[Click to Register.](#)

Labour Market Information

January 20, 2020 – 11:00am

[Click to Register.](#)

Second Career Preparation Manufacturing

January 21, 2020 – 10:00am

[Click to Register.](#)

WHMIS Training

January 22, 2020 – By Appointment

[Click to Register.](#)

[Go to the Events Calendar for more information.](#)

Tech Talent in Oshawa

CBRE Canada named Oshawa one of the top 5 markets for tech talent growth in Canada.

Oshawa's top performance drivers include tech employment growth, quality of labour, vitality and attractiveness to tech businesses and employees.

Oshawa placed fourteenth, joining Toronto as the only GTA cities in the Top 20.

[Read Oshawa named one of Canada's top five fastest growing tech talent markets.](#)

Service Canada from Home

Did you know that you can access most of Service Canada's programs and services from the comfort of your own home?

[Click here to apply for SIN, EI, CPP and OAS online.](#)

Women Leaving Workforce

According to a new Royal Bank report, women are leaving the workforce amid the pressures of the pandemic, while men are picking up jobs at three times the rate.

More than 20,000 women left the workforce between February and October, 2020. During that time, approximately 68,000 men joined the labour force.

While men are benefiting from growth in male-dominated fields (science, technology, engineering and math), traditional gender roles including the demands of raising children, are likely the reason for women exiting the workforce.

According to the report, women are 1.5 times more likely than senior-level men to consider leaving the workforce or downshifting their role due to the pandemic. Almost 3 in 4 women cite burnout as a main reason.

Report co-authors, Dawn Desjardins and Carrie Freestone are alarmed to see young women (aged 20-24 & 35-39 yrs), abandon work faster than other cohorts.

Desjardins, RBC's deputy chief economist, indicates that this pattern could slow economic recovery and impact the future for female-dominated industries.

[Read the Toronto Star article "Women leaving workforce faster than men, childcare playing big role in exodus: study"](#)

Community Services at 211

Many Ontarians are experiencing challenges that can be exacerbated by winter, the holidays, and the pandemic.

Call 2-1-1 to ensure you are accessing all the support available from the government and community services for your situation.

Did you know that 211 can help connect you to programs that help children from low income families stay warm during the winter?

Call 2-1-1 or visit the website for more information: www.211ontario.ca.

Durham College – Top 50

Oshawa's Durham College was once again named one of Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges!

This marks the 7th time the college has been included on the list. [Read more.](#)

Employment – Stats Canada

According to Statistics Canada, employment rose by 62,000 (+0.3%) in November, following an increase of 84,000 (+0.5%) in October.

[Click for more information about the Canadian Economy.](#)

[Read the article.](#)

Job Opportunities

[Construction Labourers](#)

[Installer and Servicer](#)

[E-Commerce Manager](#)

[General Labourer, Landscaping](#)

[Bookkeeper](#)

[Baker](#)

[Operations Manager, Manufacturing](#)

[Produce Clerk](#)

[Store Manager](#)

[Retail Store Supervisor](#)

[Maintenance Manager](#)

[Facility Operations Manager](#)

Go to our [Job Portal](#) for more job postings.

Connect With Us

DURHAM REGION UNEMPLOYED HELP CENTRE

LOCATIONS:

OSHAWA

905-579-1821

272 King St, Oshawa, ON

info@unemployedhelp.on.ca

PICKERING

905-420-4010

1410 Bayly Street, Unit 4, Pickering, ON

careadmin@unemployedhelp.on.ca

PICKERING WELCOME CENTRE

Specializing in services to Newcomers to Canada

905-420-3607

1400 Bayly Street, Unit 5, Pickering, ON

jswinfo@unemployedhelp.on.ca

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Land Acknowledgement

We are currently located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among the Mississauga Peoples, and is the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.

We honour, recognize and respect this nation and Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.