

# Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre

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## Welcome

For many, September is a time to start a new cycle.

Students are headed back to school and employment opportunities have become available.

Take advantage of the fertile employment landscape!

[Schedule an appointment and we will help you develop a back-to-work action plan!](#)

## Effects of Min Wage Hike

According to a recent Huffington Post article, Ontario's Minimum wage hike didn't kill jobs in Ontario.

While some experts argue that minimum wage hikes do not negatively impact strong economies, others are not in agreement. When the minimum wage in Ontario was raised to \$14/hr, many experts believed it would harm job creation in the province.

More than 6 months have passed and the wage hike has not derailed Ontario's economy. In fact, the province added approximately 60,000 jobs in July and the unemployment rate fell to 5.4% - the lowest rate in 18 years.

[Read the Huffington Post article.](#)

## Pickering City Bus Tour

The City of Pickering is offering a free, 1-Day Bus Tour for Pickering Residents 18 years+.

Limited seating is available. Spots will be filled on a first come first served basis.

For more information and registration, visit: <http://pickering.ca/bustour>.

## Build-A-Backpack

The Durham Region Police Service's Youth in Policing program donated over 550 stuffed backpacks for the "Build-A-Backpack Initiative".

The backpacks were donated to the Durham Children's Aid Society.

Scholastic Canada and the Police Appreciation Dinner and Awards Night Committee (PADAN) funded the project.

## Newcomer Volunteer Fairs

The Newcomer Volunteer Fairs are coming this fall for adults and youth!

The following two events will take place in October:

Newcomer Adult Fair

October 17, 12:00-6:00 pm

Oshawa Public Library, McLaughlin Branch

Newcomer Youth Fair

October 22

Please call (1-877-761-1155) after October 8th for details.

Volunteering is a valuable way especially for newcomers to learn more about the Canadian culture, the community where you live and to make connections that may contribute to your network and job search.

Join us to hear speakers and participate in interactive workshops.

Get to know community organizations and learn of current volunteer opportunities.

Participate to hear more about the benefits of volunteering.

See you in October and stay tuned for more information!

## Ontario Works Helps

Newcomers, learn how Ontario Works can help you!

Ontario Works (OW) staff will be at the Pickering Welcome Centre to present an overview of the Ontario Works program, including:

- How to apply for Ontario Works
- Financial benefits
- Employment services
- Employment programs
- Community referrals
- Answers to your questions

- Helpful, confidential discussions

If you are in need of financial assistance, learn how Ontario Works can help you!

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 2:45pm - 4:00pm

Pickering Welcome Centre

1400 Bayly Street, Unit 5, Pickering

[View the flyer for more info.](#)

## Newcomer Recruiter Event

Newcomers, join us for a special recruitment event at the Pickering Welcome Centre.

Representatives in the fields of Human Resources, Engineering, Hospitality, Federal Employment and various other sectors will be on-site to share key job search tips.

Understand what employers are looking for and how to target your résumé.

Get one-on-one interview feedback from sector representatives.

Get an on-the-spot assessment of your résumé.

Learn essential tips for networking that will enhance your job search.

Wednesday September 12, 2018

1:15 pm – 3:30 pm

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1400 Bayly Street, Unit 5, Pickering

Space is Limited. Call 905-420-3008 or [view the flyer for more information](#). [Click to register](#).

## Financial Assistance

Are you or someone you know headed back to school this fall?

Financial assistance, scholarships or grants may be available.

LEARN how saving, planning and paying for your education is within reach.

TRAIN to gain hands-on work experience.

WORK to create the life that you want.

[Visit the Government of Canada website.](#)

Durham Smart Cities Forum

On September 29th, 2018, the Durham Region is hosting "Hello Tomorrow: Durham Smart Cities Forum" at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) in Oshawa.

The Region of Durham is looking at technology solutions to strengthen decision making and improve service delivery for the people who live and work in our communities. Be part of the conversation.

[Learn more about the event.](#)

## It Pays to Know

Do you have enough money to cover your expenses?

A budget can help you adjust your expenses where you can.

The Government of Canada's "Making a Budget" website outlines the following:

[Why make a budget](#)

[Considerations before you start a budget](#)

[Tips to help you make a budget](#)

[Tips to help you stick to your budget](#)

[Click for more information.](#)

## Accessible Canada

Almost 14% of Canadians (3.8 million people) over the age of 15 identify as having a disability - though the numbers are likely much higher.

The Government of Canada has introduced [Bill C-81, the Accessible Canada Act: An Act to Ensure a Barrier-free Canada](#) to benefit all Canadians, especially those with disabilities.

Accessibility in Canada is about creating communities, workplaces and services that enable everyone to participate fully in society without barriers.

[Learn about Bill C-81.](#)

## @211 Central

Finding help when you need it can be difficult.

Call, text or live chat with 211 Central for help. The free and confidential helpline is answered 24hrs a day. [Click to view the website.](#)

## Help Form Your Community

The next municipal election is on Monday, October 22, 2018. Help form your community by voting



Information about elections for mayors, regional councillors, local councillors, and school board trustees, and registering as a third party advertiser, is available on your [local area municipality's election web page](#).

[View the Durham Region's Municipal Elections webpage for information.](#)

## Job Opportunities

[- Oshawa - Election Job Fair](#)

[- Bookstore Positions](#)

[- Admin/Clerical Support](#)

[- Porter/Laundry](#)

[- Veterinary Receptionist](#)

[- Production Worker](#)

[- Children's Program Assistant](#)

[- Office of Student Life](#)

[- Switchboard Operator](#)

[- Post Office Assistant](#)

[- Office Coordinator](#)

[- School Bus Driver](#)

[- Chiropractic Assistant](#)

Please view the [DRUHC Job Portal](#) or [come in to one of the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre locations](#) to view many more job postings.

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## Connect With Us

### DURHAM REGION UNEMPLOYED HELP CENTRE

#### LOCATIONS:

OSHAWA

905-579-1821

272 King St, Oshawa, ON

[info@unemployedhelp.on.ca](mailto:info@unemployedhelp.on.ca)

PICKERING

905-420-4010

1400 Bayly Street, Unit 12, Pickering, ON

[careadmin@unemployedhelp.on.ca](mailto: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](mailto:jswinfo@unemployedhelp.on.ca)

We want to hear from you. [Connect with us through social media or email.](#)

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