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### WORKFORCE WINDSOR-ESSEX RELEASES SCHOOL TO WORK GUIDE, BRIDGES GAP BETWEEN EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT FOR WINDSOR-ESSEX STUDENTS

**Windsor, ON** – Workforce WindsorEssex, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering workforce development and growth, is thrilled to announce the launch of its innovative School to Work Guide. This comprehensive guide is designed to bridge the gap between education and employment for secondary and post-secondary students, providing valuable resources for students, educators, and employers alike.

In a rapidly evolving job market, it has become increasingly crucial to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to seamlessly transition from the classroom to the workplace. The School to Work Guide is a strategic initiative aimed at empowering students with insights, tools, and practical advice to navigate their career paths successfully and find meaningful and fulfilling long-term employment.

Key features of the School to Work Guide include:

- **Tips and Recommendations:** Helpful guidance on the best way for students to set themselves up for success in their career, at every step along their career pathway.
- **Career Exploration:** Detailed insights into various industries and professions, helping students make informed decisions about their future careers.
- **Skill Development:** Practical tips and resources to enhance essential skills demanded by today's employers, ensuring students are well-prepared for the workforce.
- **Local Job Market Insights:** Up-to-date information on the regional job market, including in-demand sectors and emerging opportunities.

Workforce WindsorEssex's School to Work guide underlines the importance of collaboration among educational institutions, businesses, and community organizations. The School to Work Guide aims to create a seamless transition for students into the workforce, contributing not only to the success of students in their careers and empowering jobseekers to make informed career decisions, but also contributing to the overall economic prosperity of the region.

This Employment Ontario project is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

#### Quotes:

*"The School to Work guide sets students up for success in finding a career that works for them. While students will find the guide useful in making career decisions, educators can use this guide*

*in their classrooms to empower their students and employers can use the guide to stay informed of the ever-changing job market.”*

- *Tashlyn Teskey, Manager of Research Projects, Workforce WindsorEssex*

*“Ce nouveau guide Faire la transition de l'école au travail prépare les étudiants à réussir dans la recherche d'une carrière qui leur convient. Les étudiants trouveront le guide utile pour informer des décisions de carrière, les enseignants peuvent l'utiliser dans leurs salles de classe pour dynamiser leurs étudiants et les employeurs peuvent l'utiliser pour rester informés du marché du travail qui est en évolution constante.”*

- *Tashlyn Teskey, Manager of Research Projects, Workforce WindsorEssex*

*“Finishing school and starting a career is challenging for any young person, but this transition can be even more difficult to navigate for individuals experiencing barriers to employment. The School to Work Transition Guide developed by Workforce Windsor-Essex is a great resource for young people to help guide them through this important next step in their life. We were delighted to be a part of creating this resource, offering practical insights, and empowering strategies that pave the way for a prosperous professional journey.”*

- *Liam Giles-Hayes, VP, Programs, United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex County*

*“Terminer l'école et commencer une carrière est un défi pour tout jeune, mais cette transition peut être encore plus difficile à naviguer pour les personnes confrontées à des obstacles à l'emploi. Le Guide de Transition de l'École vers le Travail développé par Workforce Windsor-Essex est une excellente ressource pour les jeunes afin de les guider à travers cette étape importante de leur vie. Nous étions ravis de participer à la création de cette ressource, offrant des conseils pratiques et des stratégies autonomisantes qui ouvrent la voie à un parcours professionnel prospère.”*

- *Liam Giles-Hayes, VP, Programs, United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex County*

*“In today's complex job market, there are so many different pathways available for students to consider, so having plenty of resources to help make important decisions about their careers is critical. This particular resource gives our students a wide variety of options to think about, as well as concrete advice on how to achieve their goals. We're grateful that Workforce WindsorEssex has created such a valuable resource, and we'll be happy to share it with our students and guidance counsellors at our eight high schools as well as our adult campus.”*

- *Emelda Byrne, Director of Education, Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board*

*“Dans le marché du travail complexe d'aujourd'hui, il existe de nombreux chemins différents que les étudiants peuvent envisager, donc disposer de nombreuses ressources pour les aider à prendre des décisions importantes sur leur carrière est essentiel. Cette ressource particulière offre à nos étudiants une grande variété d'options à envisager, ainsi que des conseils concrets sur la manière d'atteindre leurs objectifs. Nous sommes reconnaissants que Workforce Windsor-Essex ait créé une ressource aussi précieuse, et nous serons heureux de la partager avec nos étudiants et conseillers d'orientation dans nos huit lycées ainsi que notre campus pour adultes.”*

- *Emelda Byrne, Director of Education, Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board*

## **Quick Facts/Links:**

- The School to Work webpage resource can be accessed at <https://www.workforcewindsorEssex.com/school-to-work-transition-guide/>
- The School to Work Guide downloadable PDF career transition can be accessed at <https://www.workforcewindsorEssex.com/school-to-work-transition-guide/>

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## **About Workforce WindsorEssex**

*Workforce WindsorEssex is a workforce and community development board whose mission is to lead regional employment and community planning for the development of a strong and sustainable workforce.*

*Workforce WindsorEssex is an experienced leader in the development of regional labour market tools, research, guides, and events that create positive change in the local labour market while saving others time and effort. These resources, created in close coordination with employment, education, and industry partners, are designed to help jobseekers, employers, students, and educators, as well as the community, make more informed labour market decisions using locally-responsive, data-rich, and unbiased resources. To learn more about Workforce WindsorEssex and view our tools and resources, visit [www.workforcewindsorEssex.com](http://www.workforcewindsorEssex.com).*

## **À propos de Workforce WindsorEssex**

*Workforce WindsorEssex est une organisation à but non-lucratif dont sa mission est de diriger la planification de l'emploi et le développement communautaire avec l'objectif d'assurer une main-d'œuvre solide et durable.*

*Workforce WindsorEssex est leader expérimenté dans le développement d'outils, de recherches, de guides et d'événements sur le marché du travail créant des changements positifs qui font gagner de l'argent et du temps. Ces ressources, créées en coordination avec les partenaires en emploi, en éducation et en industrie, ont pour but d'aider les demandeurs d'emploi, les employeurs, les élèves, les éducateurs, et la communauté, à prendre des décisions plus informées sur le marché du travail en utilisant des outils impartiaux, riches en données et adaptés aux besoins locaux. Pour apprendre d'avantage de Workforce WindsorEssex, et pour engager avec nos outils et ressources, visitez [www.workforcewindsorEssex.com](http://www.workforcewindsorEssex.com).*