

Breaking Barriers

What is Breaking Barriers?

- A program funded by the government of Canada through the Youth Employability and Skills Strategy (YESS) Program
- Breaking Barriers entails paid training and work experience to assist youth (ages 15-30), faced with barriers to gain employability skills and work experience to be successful in the workplace
- Participants attend 6 weeks of Group Based Employability Skills (GBES) facilitated by the Boys and Girls Club of Airdrie (BGCA)
- Once GBES is completed youth will gain 12 weeks of work experience with an employer
- Training includes but not limited to:
 - Resume writing, interview skills, technical skills, conflict resolution, time management, problem solving

Get Involved

- Breaking Barriers is looking for employers to collaborate with the BGCA to provide a 12 week work placement for participants
- Allow youth to use their skills, follow their passion, and create connections to aid with the building of their futures

Details

- Breaking Barriers will run for three consecutive years, with several intake periods
- Service Canada subsidizes earnings at a minimum wage (\$15.00) for 37.5 hours per week during the 12 week period
- Employers will pay participants wages through their payroll and submit documents to BGCA for reimbursements
- Employers are responsible for paying their portion of EI, CPP and vacation pay

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