YOUTHLINK
2021 CAREER FAIR

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MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE SUPPORT OF

Professor Marieme Lo and Katherine Danks from the School of Cities,
Mark Raghu, and Natalie Comrie from YouthLink Scarborough Pathways to Education
YouthLink Scarborough is a non-profit organization in Scarborough Village dedicated to supporting underserved and low-income youth in completing high school and accessing post-secondary education. Through its youth-centered academic and social support programming, YouthLink provides grades 9 - 12 students with the support and services that they would not be able to access otherwise, either due to financial barriers or a lack of educational infrastructure in the community.

YouthLink runs a career fair yearly because it allows youth to see representation in the community to allow themselves to envision themselves in careers that they may have never heard about

However, this year due to the pandemic they were unsure about running a career fair as they did not know how to adapt it to an online platform. Therefore, Yerin and Maha were able to reach out to various community members that helped create a successful career fair. As ultimately, the youth were able to gain clarity on their future.
BEFORE THE EVENT
PROMOTION TO THE YOUTH

BOOKLET TO SHOW THE VOLUNTEERS WHAT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE OF THEM

INFOGRAPHIC:
- YouthLink Pathways to Education Career Fair
- May 18, 2021, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- Chance to win one of 10 gift cards

EVENT OVERVIEW
Please note that we have organized all of our volunteer professionals by field. After our introduction, we will begin by moving through each of the different fields from 5:30 to 6:20 PM in the main room. You will have the opportunity to introduce yourself and your career, as well as answer any initial questions from the youth.

After the rounds, we will break up into smaller 15-20 visitors (organized by fields) to allow the youth to interact with our representatives in a more personalized setting. The youth will be able to select which breakout rooms they would like to attend and jump from room to room in order to learn about many different fields.

To help you prepare for the fair, here are a few potential questions that you may expect from the youth or us:

- What is your favorite and least favorite part of your job?
- What motivated you to pursue this career? Did you have a role modeling growing up?
- What is one piece of advice you would give the students wanting to pursue this career?
- What is something you would like to see change about your field?
- What kind of skills are important to this field? What impact does your field have on society?

Thank you for participating!

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YouthLink Scarborough Pathways to Education’s 2021 Career Fair!
We greatly appreciate your time and effort for speaking with the youth in this program and helping them in the search for future careers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us:

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**Health Sciences**
- Dr. Sarah Lord
- Cathy Newman
- Prashan

**Legal**
- MP Salma Zahid
- Doug Harris
- Jorge Ulloa
- Damion Edwards

**Administration**
- Natasha Walli
- Lorraine Chung
- Lesley Mak

**Engineering, Architecture, and Trades**
- Dan
- Dr. Lidan You
- Professor Fiona Lim Tung

**Music**
- Margie Bernal Rodriguez

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**Career Fair Schedule**

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**Our Volunteer Professionals**

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"Thank you so much for creating this wonderful experience. It was truly great. Definitely treat yourselves! <3"

"I am very thankful for everyone that spoke today because it helped me feel like i don't have to rush what i really want to be. Also knowing everyone felt the same way as i do and are all very successful helps me see that i will be too, even if I'm not completely sure what i want to do"

"Thank you for taking the time to organizing this event. You guys are the backbone of events so be proud!"

"I would like to thank you for offering these amazing advices. I found a lot of these advice really helpful and interesting to learn about. I like how you were able to explain what your past was like before choosing a career. I like how you went in depth and explain what requirement and skills needed to reach those career. I honestly didn't know what I should do, and was constantly worried for my future, but after hearing all these amazing advices it really helped me imagine what I could do in the future. Again, thank you for taking the time to be here."
"I love these types of events. I am very happy you invited me this year. If there's anything else I could help you with in the future, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming YouthLink's projects. Programs like this are fundamental to give tools to our youth for their present and future, and to help them to develop confidence and a critical thought, especially in such turbulent times."
Margie Bernal Rodriguez

"You did an amazing job coordinating and hosting the career fair and it was a pleasure to participate and represent Parks Canada. Thank you for sharing feedback from the students; it’s great to hear they found the session useful and informative. Thank you as well for the gift card; it will help fuel my work days! All the best to you and your future endeavours!"
Lorraine Chung
"The students in your program are so bright and energetic, being part of your event was truly a wonderful experience. I’d be happy to participate in any future activities around mentoring and career exploration!"
Lesley Mak

"Just want to thank you for inviting me. I am certain that students benefitted hugely from this event. It was very interesting to meet other presenters, including MP Singh, Chris Hadfield, plus a Kinesiologist working at Amazon! Amazing! Also, I was not aware of School of Cities at UTS ...I'd like to study there myself!"
Cathy Newman

"Well done on everything it was amazing."
Damion Edwards
"The career Fair last night was in one word PHENOMENAL! I loved everything about it: the format, the diversity of guests and their stories, the fact that students were so engaged and the kind of questions asked!

It absolutely met everything on the goal list! The many students that attended had the opportunity to learn from the stories of how each person got to where they are now!

What a great way to end Mentoring and what a fantastic SHINE!!!!!!"

Thank you everyone for the support planning, promoting it and running 2021 Career Fair!"

Alejandra Cabezas  Senior Manager at Pathways to Education