



Youth Futures Council Records of Discussion

April 24th, 2017, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m AST

In Attendance:

Special guest: Brad Colwill
and Alicia Bruce
Moira Shaw
John Ployer

Emma Huestis
Kenzie Lund
Nicole Mountain
Luke Poirier

Alex Dalton
Tyler Murnaghan
Adam Ross

Welcome

Updates

The mixer that was originally scheduled for March for the Youth Futures Council, the Interdepartmental Youth Committee and the Executive Council will be rescheduled after the Spring sitting of the Legislature.

YPEI Website has been updated to become a more general emphasis on YPEI with the emphasis on YDAY migrated to a YDAY-specific page. The website will soon be updated to include member bios and head shots, meeting minutes, recommendations and other work done by the council.

The YDAY Steering Committee will be forming in the coming months to begin preparations for YDAY 2017.

Action: *Interested members were asked to contact Alicia to express interest in this committee.*

Items Stemming from the ROD

Engagement Strategy—Outmigration

Mathieu Arsenault of Think Forward Solutions is continuing work on the survey for youth off-island and will be liaising with Workforce and Advanced Learning to ensure the project fits within a broader repatriation strategy.

Recommendations

Submitted Recommendations—April

The recommendations stemming from the April 4th call were submitted to the Executive Council and were well received. The next step is for Workforce and Advanced Learning to obtain Treasury Board approval which is needed for any financial changes.

The 2017 budget address included a commitment to increase student aid including “increased supports to students for community engagement and research.”

Upcoming Recommendations—May

The two recommendations that are being worked on are the recommendation to increase experiential learning opportunities and to increase youth involvement on agencies, boards and commissions. It was determined that more information was needed to fully develop these recommendations.

With regard to the recommendation to increase experiential learning opportunities, a discussion was held around the types of opportunities that currently exist and how internships are defined and evaluated.

Action: *Alicia will bring information regarding Ontario’s model as well as an inventory of existing options and to whom they are available (i.e., embedded vs. elective, industry or program specific, etc.) and a sample professional development plan to the May meeting.*

The current list of Agencies, Boards and Commissions through Engage PEI was presented and reviewed. The council agreed that many listed may not necessarily benefit from a youth perspective while others would benefit greatly. The list will be narrowed down prior to the next meeting.

Action: *Brad will consult with Engage PEI to determine which of the ABC’s could benefit the most from a youth perspective.*

Future Recommendations

Council agreed that a working document would be maintained for ideas for future recommendations while work is being done concurrently on the recommendations being submitted that month.

Action: *Alicia to create Google Document for future recommendation suggestions.*

Informal Pitch Session

Forward Agenda Items

A discussion around regarding pathways for learning and whether or not we were ready to begin making recommendations in this area occurred. It was agreed that a work plan be developed at the next meeting that can be followed by the council to aid in prioritization of issues.

Action: *Alicia to add Work Plan to May agenda.*

It was also noted by a member that we are missing representation from underserved populations on this board. Should we decide to move forward with an engagement strategy, we want to ensure that we are capturing the voices of disadvantaged and diverse populations. A suggestion was made to explore developing a survey to determine the top needs of Island youth, including those who did not participate in YDAY or are from disadvantaged populations.

Action: *Alicia to add engagement opportunities with underserved populations to May Agenda*

Adjournment

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 20th, 2017 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Potato Services Building Boardroom in Kensington, PEI. A follow-up poll will be sent to members to confirm preferred date and time.