



COMMUNITIES BUILDING
Youth Futures
OXFORD COUNTY

Youth Advocacy Summit

A Youth-Led Community Event

What is CBYF?



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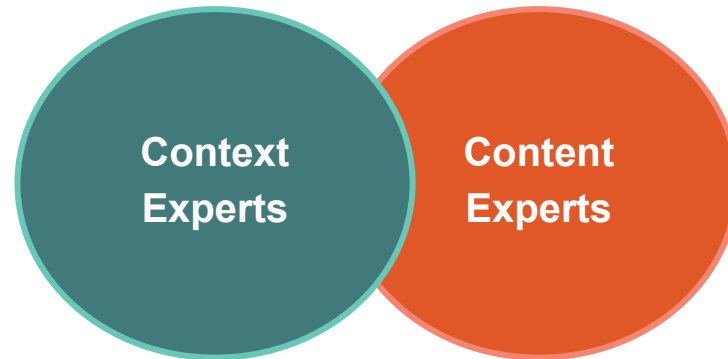
- A Canada-wide initiative funded by the Government of Canada and the Tamarack Institute focused on:
 - **Increasing high school graduation rates**
 - **Improving youth (age 15-30) outcomes after high school**
- Aims to reach students who may face greater barriers to education, including but not limited to:
 - Indigenous students
 - Visible minority and racialized students
 - Students living with disabilities
 - Students living in a low-income household
 - Students identifying as 2SLGBTQ+
- Youth-led initiative
 - “Nothing about us without us”
- Began in Oxford County in January, 2022



Who makes up CBYF?

YOUTH COUNCIL

- 20+ local youth (volunteers and interns)
- Either live or work in Oxford County
- Diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives
- Members from 6 of 8 municipalities
- Select priority areas and guide creation and implementation of CBYF efforts



LEADERSHIP TABLE

- Representatives from 15 local youth-serving organizations
- 4 representatives from the Youth Council
- Organizations from multiple sectors
- Support the implementation of Youth Council-identified priority areas, projects, etc. through sharing of resources
- Provide guidance around legislative and liability considerations



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Partner Organizations



Social Planning
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Our Projects

▶ **Mental Health Training**

- Sessions of free mental health training for youth and adults who work with youth

▶ **Youth Education and Employment Fund**

- Funds used for youth on an individual basis to address barriers to achieving their education and employment goals as a result of financial need

▶ **Youth Engagement Grants**

- Participatory grantmaking model implemented for community-led projects focused on youth

▶ **Youth Social Space (VIBE)**

- Youth-led social space in Tillsontown



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Our Projects

▶ Youth Engagement Training

- Built a youth-led training on topics regarding youth engagement in collaboration with Wellkin's Youth Engagement Advisory

▶ Truth & Reconciliation

- Held a training session in November, 2023
- Doing ongoing work to implement the recommendations

▶ Sustainability Planning

- Work on a variety of plans for the sustainability and survivability of CBYF

▶ Calls to Action/Advocacy Plan



Calls to Action & Advocacy Plan

- ▶ Co-created calls to action
 - Based on CBYF engagement of over 1000 local youth, as well as parents, teachers, and youth service providers
 - Informed by two literature reviews:
 - recent local youth-related reports
 - creating youth-friendly communities
- ▶ Incorporated calls to action into a full advocacy plan, including:
 - Held advocacy training for CBYF team February and March, 2024
 - Planning community event to present calls to action to local leaders in April, 2024
 - And more!



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Youth Advocacy Summit

We are formally inviting you to attend the CBYF Youth Advocacy Summit

- ▶ April 29, 2024 from 4:30-8:00 pm
 - Doors open at 4:00 pm
 - Dinner provided
- ▶ Unifor 636
 - 126 Beale Street, Woodstock
- ▶ RSVP to CBYF Project Lead, Jodie Konior, by April 23rd (jodie.konior@spcoxford.ca)

Our goals for the event:

- ▶ To build community awareness about CBYF and our impacts
- ▶ To present and discuss the CBYF Calls to Action with local leaders
- ▶ To ignite action in creating systemic changes to improve how our community serves the youth who live here