



YOUTH DIALOGUE SESSIONS

Seeking Youth Ages 16-21 to share their Lived Experience, Perspectives and Ideas about Succeeding in Education

SUPPORTS FOR STUDENT LEARNING PROGRAM (SSLP)

The SSLP at Employment and Social Development Canada funds youth-serving organizations across the country to deliver after-school and extracurricular programming that helps youth to succeed in kindergarten-grade 12 and post-secondary education.



SEEKING PARTICIPANTS

SSLP is inviting youth from across Canada to participate in virtual discussions in fall 2022. These discussions will be an opportunity for youth to:

1

Connect directly with researchers, federal decision-makers, and other youth about learning needs and experiences.

2

Share ideas and recommendations to let federal decision-makers know what kinds of after-school and extracurricular programs and services can best support the removal of systemic barriers to education and empower youth to achieve their education goals.

WHAT ARE THE SESSIONS ABOUT?

7 separate focus group-style dialogue sessions each focused on systemic learning barriers and supports for the following groups:

- Black youth
- Indigenous youth
- 2SLGBTQ+ youth
- Youth with disabilities
- Youth in foster care or youth who have exited foster care
- Youth who have experienced or are experiencing homelessness
- Youth facing challenges with digital access and technology



10-12 youth per session



Fall 2022



Evenings



Paid \$100



Virtual sessions



HOW DO I APPLY?

To be considered, you will need to complete an application form (provided by the nominating organization) and email the form to ESDC.SSLP.Engagement-Engagement.PSAE.EDSC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca as soon as possible.



AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Be between the ages of **16-21 years old** as of **September 18, 2022**
- Have **lived experience** and/or **knowledge** related to one or more of the seven groups
- Be willing and able to **participate in a one-hour pre-meeting on Zoom** in the **fall**, as well as a **separate two-hour dialogue session**
- Be willing to **review a pre-recorded video and a short document** in advance of the session in the fall



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING?



Receive Compensation

Be compensated \$100 if you participate in the dialogue session.



Learn & Connect

Speak directly with Canadian researchers who study education issues affecting diverse youth such as yourself.



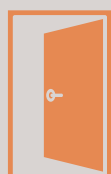
Make your Voice Heard

Speak directly with Government of Canada decision-makers from the SSLP. Please note: the perspectives/input/opinions of participants will be anonymous (e.g. no names or identifying information will be linked with what you share).



Make New Connections

Meet other young people across Canada with similar lived experiences and passions.



Learn about other Opportunities

Hear from federal officials and youth engagement experts about how you can participate in other youth engagement forums and events across Canada.

HOW WILL PARTICIPANTS BE SELECTED?

- Organizations that serve youth have been invited to identify and nominate young people who would like to participate in these dialogue sessions
- Participation will be limited to 10-12 youth per session. If SSLP receives more applications than there are spaces available, decisions will be made to ensure a diverse and representative group of youth for each session. We will ensure there is balanced representation in terms of:
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Region
 - Official languages
 - Youth self-identities including: Indigenous, Black, 2SLGBTQ+, with disabilities

For more information: please connect directly with the organization that shared this opportunity with you or email us at ESDC.SSLP.Engagement-Engagement.PSAE.EDSC@hrsdcc-rhdcc.gc.ca

