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Youth Career Workshops

In February, the Regional Association of West Quebecers (RAWQ) is hosting a series of workshops to provide youth (aged 16-21) with career-development activities, mentoring, and enhanced second-language skills.

"Today's job market requires young people to make strategic choices about their career early. These workshops will provide high school students with useful skills and an understanding of what it takes to be successful in the work force", said Shaun Peppy workshop coordinator on behalf of West Quebecers.

The bilingual workshops (12 hours each) will be hosted in Gatineau (Hull) and Shawville. The youth themselves identified the professional field for each workshop:

- Audio Engineering (music)
- Health care
- Graphic design
- Carpentry (Shawville only)

The workshops will teach participants the basic knowledge and skills associated with these fields through practical hands-on work and some theoretical knowledge.

Experienced professionals from each field will mentor students on how to access employment in the field, what they can expect during their careers and how to be successful in it. Workplace tours will also be provided.

Following the workshops, the public and media will be invited to an event where they can see the results produced by the workshop participants (Details to follow).

English-speaking and French-speaking youth will be invited to participate in the workshops that will start in February. Participation is free of charge.

RAWQ is presently seeking Instructors to teach the workshops. Interested people can apply through www.westquebecers.ca. (job descriptions will be posted)

This project is being delivered by West Quebecers in partnership with Philemon Wright High School, Pontiac High School, CEGEP Heritage College with financial support from the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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RAWQ is a community-based not-for-profit organization which serves and supports the English-speaking population of West Quebec by fostering an environment in which it can thrive. Its key activities are in education, culture and youth. RAWQ also plays a significant role in advocacy on behalf of the English-speaking community.