



November 2021 Newsletter

Opportunity Place is a Nova Scotia Works Employment Service Centre. We are here to help you with career planning, job searching and on-the-job support at your convenience. Our team can introduce you to a variety of programs and services that will help you achieve your career goals. All of our services may be accessed in person, over the phone or through online applications. We also work with Nova Scotia's employers to assist with recruitment, planning and Human Resources support.

Free Employment Support Services

We are here to assist with your employment plan!

- Identify Your Employment Needs
- Career Decision Making Assistance
- Job Search Workshops
- Self-Assisted Job Search Centre & Computer Access
- Telephone Access for Job Search
- Learn About Workforce Trends
- Information on Training & Self-Employment Options
- One-on-One Employment Support
- Referrals to Other Agencies

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday
8:30-4:30

Saturday to Sunday
Closed

Reach us at

902-864-7520

staff@opportunityplace.ca

Mailing Address

108 Cobequid Road, Suite 100
Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N2

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Our Doors are OPEN!

Walk in Services Now Available



Clients are asked to be unaccompanied. All appointments will be a maximum of one hour in length. Please arrive 15 minutes early to your appointment to complete a screening process.



When you arrive you will be asked to complete a screening questionnaire. If you are feeling unwell, please visit us another time. For your convenience, we can also serve you by phone or email.



Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the centre. Please sanitize your hands.



When entering the centre, please wear a mask. If you do not have one, one will be provided.



Easy-to-follow signage and decals will be posted in the centre to help you navigate our spaces.



Our Job Search Centre workstations have been sectioned off to allow for social distancing.



High-touch surfaces such as desks, computers, and doors, will be frequently sanitized.

**Contact us by phone 902.864.7520
or email staff@opportunityplace.ca**

Services that are available to you include:

Job Search Support

- Virtual workshops that are recorded or live streamed
- Resume and cover letter critiques
- Assistance with full resume and cover letter development
- Support with submitting online applications and ongoing job search guidance
- Information and support with using social media as a job search tool
- Interview preparation including “mock interviews”
- Access to provincial funding programs offering employer hiring incentives
- Connections to local job opportunities and employers looking to hire

Exploring Career Options

- Support with exploring your values, preferences and career interests
- Online assessment tools used to identify career matches
- Current information on job trends, wages, education requirements and training programs

Returning to School

- Help with developing a return to school plan and referrals to available resources that will support your learning needs
- Access to provincial funding programs that help with training costs

Career Counselling

- 1-1 counselling support to help deal with employment change and support informed career decisions
- Connection to community supports to address personal challenges
- In-depth assessment of career options and employment related needs

Please contact us by phone or email to arrange your appointment.

Email: staff@opportunityplace.ca

Phone: (902) 864-7520



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OUR MISSION

To provide quality, accessible and inclusive employment assistance services tailored to meet the needs of job seekers and employers in Nova Scotia.

ABOUT US

As a Nova Scotia Works Employment Services Centre, Opportunity Place is designed to be a seamless experience of "single window service delivery" addressing the employability needs of Nova Scotians. Over the years, we have provided individuals with expertise and resources to ensure they are well prepared to transition to the workforce.

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

OUR LOCATION

108 Cobequid Road
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WHO WE ARE

Information Resource Specialists
Certified Career Development Practitioners
Job Developer
Employer Engagement Specialist
Employment Support Practitioner
Student Liaison (Sackville/Millwood/
Bayview)
Career Counsellor

OUR SERVICES

Case Management Support
Career Counselling
Employment Related Workshops
Employment Maintenance
Job Development
Employer Services
Job Search Center

WE OFFER

- One on one coaching and support
 - Resume and cover letter preparation and critique
 - Mock Interviews
 - Skills Development and support
 - Career counselling and assessments
 - Information on funding options, apprenticeships and provincial programs
 - Employer services to facilitate their needs and connect them with job-ready qualified candidates
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Introducing Pathways to Prosperity

A customized program that is designed to support early learning practitioners in preparing for the recognized prior learning process through the Association of Early Childhood Educators of Nova Scotia (AECENS).

Areas of Support:

- Financial assistance to participate in the RPL process
- Workshops on How to Engage in Exam Preparation
- Facilitated Study Group – How to Prepare for Exams
- Mock Interviews and Practice Exams
- Employment support by a skilled Career Practitioner

And other opportunities to access valuable skills training important to early learning settings and practitioners.

For more information contact the Pathways to Prosperity Project Coordinator, at khamshaw@opportunityplace.ca



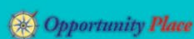
Association of
**Early Childhood
Educators**
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NS WORKS OPPORTUNITY PLACE IS EXCITED TO PRESENT

THE WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL NOW BE OFFERING OUTREACH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



Staff will be available
to provide support with
your employment
and career needs

ALL SERVICES
ARE FREE OF
CHARGE

**OPEN NOVEMBER 5
& 19
9AM-12PM**

596 Lucasville Rd, Lucasville, NS
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- One on one coaching and support
- Resume and cover letter preparation and critique
- Mock Interviews
- Skills Development and support
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FIND OUT TODAY IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR SUPPORT THROUGH EMPLOYMENT NOVA SCOTIA



Are you considering Returning To School? **(Skills Development Program)**

Training to help individuals obtain the skills they need to find work.



Having a hard time getting hired because of lack of Work Experience? **(START Program)**

Encourages employers to hire unemployed Nova Scotians requiring work experience.



Do you want to Start Your Own Business? **(Self Employment Benefit Program)**

Help for eligible individuals to open their own business.



Have you recently Graduated from a Post-Secondary Program? **(Graduate to Opportunity Program)**

Potential employer can access funding to help create a full time job for your post graduation.

**Call 902-864-7520 or email staff@opportunityplace.ca to
receive more information about accessing
Employment Nova Scotia Funding Programs.**

**Our staff will provide an overview of available programs
including details on eligibility criteria and how to apply.**



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NEED HELP WITH YOUR JOB SEARCH?

NOVA SCOTIA WORKS & OPPORTUNITY PLACE
WILL BE AT THE

SACKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FROM 9AM - 12PM

NOVEMBER 12 & 28

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!



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EXPLORING SELF-EMPLOYMENT AS A CAREER OPTION



Because we know how important it is for you to make informed decisions
when starting your own business



Self-assessment

Engage in activities to
explore if now is the right
time to become self-
employed



Innovative ideas

Learn about the tools and
resources available to help
make your idea a reality



Support System

Connect with a career
practitioner to develop
your action plan

November 4, 2021 1pm - 4pm

Call (902) 864-7520 or email staff@opportunityplace.ca to learn more and register



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Nova Scotia Works
Sackville High
Millwood High



Student Job Fair

Fall 2021

An opportunity for
Sackville employers to find
suitable candidates and for
students to experience
networking in a job fair
environment!

Nov 3rd, 2021
11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
At Sackville High School

Nov 5th, 2021
12 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Millwood High School

For inquiries, email Charlene at
ctasco@opportunityplace.ca



**NS WORKS OPPORTUNITY PLACE
&
NPOWER CANADA
will be hosting**

**A virtual information session
November 24th 11-12 PM**

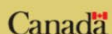


NPower Canada launches under-served young adults into meaningful and sustainable careers in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) field.



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**To register please email (staff@opportunityplace.ca) or
call
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START, The Hiring Incentive to Tap Hidden Talent Pools and More

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

2:00pm to 3:00pm

Why Attend?

*The labour market of Nova Scotia is changing
Challenges finding and keeping talent*

... and you learn possible parts of the solution, like

*Hidden and untapped talent pools
Hiring incentives like START*

*Join us to learn more about how this great program
and Nova Scotia Works can help support you today!*

RSVP at employers@opportunityplace.ca
or call 902-864-7520

START growing your business today!



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&

HALIFAX

TRANSIT

Are offering a
Virtual Information and
Recruitment session

Tuesday, November 9, 6pm - 8pm

Email employers@opportunityplace.ca
to register



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Nova Scotia Works Opportunity Place Presents

Public Sector Interview Tip Session
Monday, November 15, 2021
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Topics to be covered include:

- How to prepare for an interview
- The STAR technique
- What to expect in the interview
- How responses are assessed and scored
- What a quality response looks like
- and More!!!

To register, email employers@opportunityplace.ca



HALIFAX





Join Nova Scotia Works Opportunity
Place and CCRW

**Youth the Future
Virtual Information Session
November 25 at 1:30pm -
2:30pm**

Join us to learn more about this paid 22 - week program which provides youth with disabilities the pre-employment skills needed to enter today's workforce.

This program includes resume building, interview strategies, first-aid training and much more.

**Call 902-864-7520, or
training@opportunityplace.ca to register for
the session.**



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November Workshops 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Career Planning 1 9:30 – 12:30 Career Planning 2 1:00 – 4:00	2 LMI General 9:30 – 12:30 LMI Specific 1:00 – 4:00	3 Career Planning 3 9:30 – 12:30 Transferable Skills 1:00 – 4:00	4 Interviews 1 9:30 – 12:30 Interviews 2 1:00 – 4:00 Exploring Self-Employment 1:00 – 4:00	5 No Workshops
8 Resumes 1 9:30 – 12:30 Resumes 2 1:00 – 4:00	8 Resumes 3 9:30 – 12:30 Resumes 4 1:00 – 4:00	9 Competitive Job Search 9:30 – 12:30 Virtual Interviews 9:30 – 12:30	10 REMEMBRANCE DAY We are closed	11 No Workshops
15 Career Planning 1 9:30 – 12:30 Career Planning 2 1:00 – 4:00	16 LMI General 9:30 – 12:30 LMI Specific 1:00 – 4:00	17 Career Planning 3 9:30 – 12:30	18 Interviews 1 9:30 – 12:30 Interviews 2 1:00 – 4:00	19 No Workshops
22 Resumes 1 9:30 – 12:30 Resumes 2 1:00 – 4:00	23 Resumes 3 9:30 – 12:30 Resumes 4 1:00 – 4:00	24 Competitive Job Search 9:30 – 12:30	25 Coping with Job Loss 9:30 – 12:30	26 Virtual Interviews 9:30 – 12:30
29 Social Media & Job Search 9:30 – 12:30	30 No Workshops			

Please see our website for course descriptions. www.opportunityplace.ca

Sponsored by Opportunity Place Resource Association

Opportunity Place Career Resource Centre is funded through the Canada-Nova Scotia Labour Market Development Agreement under the direction of Employment Nova Scotia

The Opportunity Place (OPRA) Board of Directors is committed to respecting, fostering, and supporting diversity and inclusion at Opportunity Place within its leadership and governance.

Opportunity Place is sponsored by the Opportunity Place Resource Association (OPRA) -- a volunteer, not-for-profit association. OPRA believes that respect must be demonstrated by its leadership. Diverse and inclusive perspectives in decision-making produce better decisions.

An organization which reflects the diversity of the many networks, groups, and communities within a framework of respect, equity, sensitivity, and competency in all aspects will be more effective in serving and working within those communities.

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