

EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS



These programs are designed to encourage youth to choose their path forward. Through meaningful experiences we aim to connect youth to each other and to the community. Our programs equip youth with the resources and skills needed today to break beyond all barriers and chase their dreams tomorrow.

CORE PROGRAMS

YOUTH OUTREACH SERVICES

is funded by Ontario's Ministry of Children & Youth Services, a part of the province-wide Youth Outreach initiative. This service model is predicated on creating opportunities for prevention and early intervention with respect to youth violence. Youth Outreach Workers (YOW) are tasked with being the resource contact point for marginalized youth (ages 12 – 21) who have not been successfully engaged with school or community organizations. YOWs mentor, guide and connect youth with services by building relationships with them in their neighborhood.

THE ARTS (CREATIVE & PERFORMANCE)

offer youth the opportunity to discover their artistic self and become innovative thinkers. Programs are intended for those who share a specialized interest in redefining their skills in writing, poetry, fine art, and music. We also provide youth with a forum to positively express themselves in a meaningful way. The hope is that youth involved will be given the chance to increase their self-confidence, self-esteem and critical thinking skills through different forms of art. Youth will also have the opportunity to create original pieces and share them directly with the community.

BEYOND THE 40 (BT40)

aims to increase awareness, provide authentic experiences and develop an understanding of the benefits of volunteering. The program seeks to encourage youth to go beyond the mandatory 40 hours of volunteering. The program reinforces the belief that youth are powerful agents of change within their local and global communities, hoping to instil a desire and passion for life long volunteerism.