

Everyone needs the opportunity to truly dream about their future and what might be, and a pathway that offers support to take steps that will make one's dreams a reality. But when each day feels like an uphill battle and your energy is spent on surviving, the idea of dreams becoming reality may seem out of reach. This is the role of UYES! (Urban Youth Employment and Education Services), a project codelivered by the Human Development Council, The Saint John Learning Exchange, The Teen Resource Centre, and other service providers in Waterloo Village. UYES! provides wrap-around services for youth aged 15-30, enabling them to overcome barriers and tap into the supports they need in order to further their education, prepare for and gain meaningful employment, and take part in community projects that build confidence, skills, purpose, and relationships, while enriching neighbourhoods.

The programs' services and supports are flexible and free (thanks to federal funding from Service Canada's Youth Employment Skills Strategy) and open to people who are: 15-30 years of age; Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected by the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; legally entitled to work in NB; able to indicate that they are facing barriers to success (food or housing issues, mental health struggles, discrimination, transportation barriers, etc.); and are seeking help to change their current circumstances. We recognize that everyone needs an ally in their corner and a helping hand to move towards independence. For more information, call (506) 633-4636 or (506) 648-0202.

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