

youth wellness hubs

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Hali County Youth Hub Stakeholders & Partners Newsletter

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HUB RENOS!

Planning for the lower level space is well underway, and final drawings have been completed. The space will provide four multi-purpose spaces for offices, counselling and service delivery as well as a quiet space for homework or hanging out.



In addition to fully wheelchair accessible washrooms on the upper and lower levels, an additional washroom is being installed on the lower level that will include an accessible shower!

AND there's more exciting news to report!

The new design that would bring everyone in through the front door (a new ramp will be built to code from the parking lot), and wheel chair lift has been finalized and the demolition required for its installation will be starting in the next couple of weeks.

BUT the BIG news?



Appliances have been delivered and tomorrow (Friday, March 22) the kitchen counters will be installed, appliances hooked up and sinks plumbed.

We'd like to thank Hans and North Steel for working with us to ensure durable and functional countertops.

Next steps will be to clean the inside of all the drawers and cabinets and find homes for pots, pans, cups, plates, cutlery and baking equipment.

We'll post pictures of the completed project in next month's newsletter.

We're getting much closer to planning for a late spring formal opening.

Gift Registry – Please Make Your Donation Today

We still need your support!

The renovations of the youth hub are more costly than initially forecast. We have needed to hire an electrical contractor, rather than being able to use a volunteer electrician due to permit requirements. The water system has become more expensive as engineering reports have determined that we may have ground water entering our drinking water which requires additional remediation and treatment. In addition, investing in a commercial kitchen has increased the cost significantly, but will allow us to engage in full meal prep on site.

While some funding has been allocated in Year One specifically for renovations and capital expenses (\$85,000 as per our Funding Agreement), renovations and equipment cost estimates are above that amount.

That means we've got a way to go to reach our goal! But with your generous support – we'll get there.

We'll be updating the Hali Youth Hub Gift Registry to "check off" what your generous support has already allowed us to do. Set up on Point in Time's website [www.pointintime.ca/gift-registry], there are examples of the goods still needed. You can direct your contribution towards the purchase of specific items or to the project generally. Contributions will be used solely to complete renovations and construction, purchase appropriate equipment, furniture and fixtures to finish the space.



Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub – providing an inclusive and welcoming space for all youth aged 12-25 in our community – is a much needed resource that will reduce the isolation experienced by our youth population, engage them in a meaningful way in the community, and enable seamless and coordinated access to a range of supports including mental health and addictions.

Direct your contribution towards the purchase of specific items, or if you prefer, make a general donation to the project.

We'd Appreciate Your Help Promoting Donations to the Hali County Youth Hub Gift Registry. Donate now at <https://www.pointintime.ca/gift-registry/>

Hub Program Services

Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario (YWHO) reflects a partnership between the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Child and Youth Services and is an initiative that aims to bring the right services to youth (and their families) at the right time and in the right place.

A key tenet of the Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario initiative is the seamless and coordinated, 'one-stop-shop' approach to accessing mental health, addictions, and primary care services. Throughout our engagement and implementation processes we have heard from youth as to what is important to them when accessing services. We repeatedly heard that open and inclusive, non-stigmatizing, easy, and immediate access to services is crucial to the success of the Hub. Additionally, not having to tell their story over and over again - knowing that service providers involved in their care are on the same page ranked high in the vision of the ideal experience at the Hub. Service providers who will be offering these services are coming together to explore how to make this happen for the youth of our community. Working with differing program mandates, funding requirements, metrics, and reporting structures - multiple service providers are beginning the hard work of figuring out what they have to do to actualize this reality. We are confident that we will find a way - guided by the vision and voices of our youth - we will begin this process in March so that we have a good handle on things when the doors officially open for services.

Many of the program services provided will be activity or arts-based.



So many great program services are happening or coming up for youth in Hali County! Help spread the word. Hope to see lots of youth checking out these events! [#ywho](#) [#youthengagement](#) [#lgbtqyouth](#)

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The SHIFT program (soft skill training through the arts), with partners Fleming CREW and Centre[3] will wrap up this first part of of the pilot program at the end of the month. The SHIFT program helps train and support youth to become employed.

Using the arts to teach soft skills to youth aged 18-29 years, the program was delivered to eight (8) unemployed/out of school youth in in an 8-workshop format over 4 weeks. Local artists and instructors Tammy Rea and Noelia Marziali worked with youth on digital arts, film making, prop making and painting. An employment counsellor from the Fleming CREW Employment Centre (located at

49 Maple Ave) has been working with youth throughout the program and will be setting participants up with employment opportunities.

“The program is going awesome!” says Sandy Stevenson, Youth Employment Facilitator at FlemingCREW. “They’ve been working on some really cool digital art projects.” Plans are in the works for an end-of-program final art exhibition, open to the public, to check-out what the participants created. At the “Haliwood Art Exhibition”, tentatively scheduled for April 4, guests will be able to tour the exhibition, view the works of art and interact with the creators while nibbling on some popcorn!



The Hali Youth Hub has partnered with the Artists in the Schools & Community Program offering Pottery Courses with Lisa Barry at the Hub on Wednesdays in April: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th from 4-6 PM. Free! Space is limited so sign up today.

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or Call the Point in Time Front Desk - 705-457-5345 to sign up!

Artists in the Schools has officially changed their name to Artists in the Schools and Community Program (AITSC) to better reflect what the program is evolving into. This new name reflects that programming will no longer just be in the elementary schools but will include other places like the Youth Hub which will allow older youth the benefits of the program. And based on youth input, additional programs will be on offer to youth at the Hub.

Stay tuned for news about AITSC's *May Music Recording and Mixing* workshop series, where participants will be guided and supported in learning the fundamentals of music recording, mixing and online music publishing! Technical aspects of music recording like microphone techniques, making their track 'fit' in the mix, use of FX, mixing and mastering will be covered as will elements of musicianship like performance, confidence and how to present work professionally.

Plans are also underway for a concert (pay what you can) featuring multiple performers and a silent auction to be held on Friday, May 3.

Watch for more info on these events to be posted on Instagram @HaliCountyYouthHub and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HaliCountyYouthHub/>!

MEDIA STRATEGY & PARTNERSHIPS DEVELOPING

The Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub is a County-wide resource for all youth aged 12-25.

To help us increase awareness of and buy-in to the Haliburton Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario initiative, the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub and its importance within the County and to our youth and broader community, we've had great support from Haliburton County's media family.

Across the airwaves, CANOE FM and MOOSE FM have been very generous with PSA's promoting upcoming events and programming at the Hub. And Rick Lowes has, every two weeks, been interviewing youth about their views on a variety of subjects and program services.

On the print side, The Highlander Editor, Lisa Gervais, has offered to mentor and support youth interested in telling their story, or honing their writing skills with the goal of publishing the outcome.

And, you'll notice regular stories appearing in County Life; keep your eyes peeled for a feature story in Progress Magazine that'll be published on Tuesday, April 16th!

ONTARIO MINISTER OF LABOUR VISITS



On March 14th, Minister Scott attended, along with those pictured, and Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, a meeting to hear about the importance of ongoing funding for Youth Wellness Hubs, and the critical role that the Haliburton Youth Hub plays in supporting the health, wellness and vitality of our community's youth.

Pictured: Ontario Minister of Labour, the Honourable Laurie Scott (second from left); Patti

Tallman, Treasurer, Point in Time Board of Directors; Marg Cox, Executive Director, Point in Time; Joey Varga, Youth Rep, Hali Hub Steering Committee; Gwen Scriven, Vice-President, Point in Time Board of Directors and Pam Weiss, Hali Hub Steering Committee Member & Point in Time Board of Directors.

ANNUAL COYO CONFERENCE



In February each year, the Committee of Youth Officers for the Province of Ontario holds an annual conference in Niagara Falls, and brings together over 500 participants from policing, education, probation and other youth related services. This year, Marg Cox rocked it on the stage presenting on the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub.

HALIBURTON YOUTH SPEAK OUT & ABOUT

Hali Youth had the opportunity to make local and provincial presentations.

Minden Rotary (March 4): Youth reps Thomas, Malia and Joey were welcomed by Minden Rotary Club members in giving a presentation on what the youth hub in the community means to them, and updated members on what's happening at the Hali Youth Hub.

YWHO Doors Open (February 28-March 1)

Youth Joey Varga (far right), and parent Talitha (3rd from right), presented on a panel at the Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario Doors Open event. The event provided information and training to help all Ontario Hub sites prepare for spring openings; and for the panel presentation, they brought their perspectives as a youth and a parent, to the importance of creating youth friendly – and youth led – Hub sites.



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