

## CanAssist at the University of Victoria

### Provincial Employment Strategy for Youth with Disabilities

**Are you between 15-29 years of age, self-identify with a disability, mental health challenge and/or experience with substance use and/or youth justice systems and are currently seeking or interesting in looking for work?**

We want your input as youth to help us improve employment outcomes and promote inclusive workplaces for youth in British Columbia. Consider participating in research to help inform a Provincial Strategy for the Employment of Youth with Disabilities.

#### **Who can participate?**

We are looking for:

- Youth between 15-29 who self-identify with a disability, mental health challenge or history of addiction
- Youth from indigenous, LGBTQIA2s+, newcomer communities
- Youth with experience as a child in foster care, or subject of a Youth Agreement
- Willingness to be audio and video-recorded (willingness to share story and have it documented)

#### **What's involved?**

- A virtual, structured group discussion with other youth (approx. 2-hours)
- An intake form (approx. 1-minute)
- All inputs and experiences will be anonymized
- An exploration of key themes around gaps/barriers and resources for the employment of youth with disabilities/mental health challenges/history of substance use/experience with care and/or corrections

## Potential Benefits

- Participants will receive a pre-paid \$50 Visa Debit gift card for their time
- Your experiences can help us report back to the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

## Accessibility

- Please email us if you would like to participate; We will try and address any specific needs around accessible processes and inclusive participation which are identified to us in advance

## To ask questions or sign up, please contact:

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