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Career Fair offers Opportunities for Young People to Discover their Futures

Your Future Starts Now Career Fair will be held in Hay River February 26-27

Hay River, NT – On February 26th and 27th the public and students from schools across the South Slave and Dehcho will meet in Hay River and learn more about possible careers and how to make the most of their lives going forward. A partnership of organizations called the South Slave Labour Market Planning Partnership, which includes the South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC), Ministry of Education, Culture and Employment, Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Tribal Governments, along with funding from the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada have come together to organize this event at Diamond Jenness Secondary School. Skills Canada is also hosting their regional skills competition on Thursday in conjunction with the Career Fair.

There will be 40 booths set up at the career fair including universities, colleges, industry, private employers, agencies within the government of the Northwest Territories and the ASETS Group. The theme of the event is Your Future Starts Now and under that banner, visitors will be able to talk to employers to learn more about employment opportunities, training possibilities and furthering their education.

Aside from learning about opportunities colleges, universities and careers the fair will provide information for hopeful entrepreneurs, budgeting and personal finances, as well as resources for students needing financial assistance to pursue training or post-secondary education. An added feature is the Rotary Club's Dragons' Den event which will take place on Wednesday evening. Students from the community will pitch their community development business plans to the Dragons and one savvy student will be awarded with a prize for the best plan.

Brent Kaulback, Assistant Superintendent of the SSDEC and one of the organizers remarked, "The South Slave Divisional Education Council has always held career awareness as a priority. In fact our motto "Creating Futures" speaks to the need to help our students identify career goals and pursue their passions. We are pleased to be able to partner with so many government and tribal organizations represented by the South Slave Labour Market Planning Partnership to host this Career Fair. These two days – with the booths, presentations and trades competitions will put a real spotlight on careers. The fair is a wonderful opportunity for students, youth and adults

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alike to explore career and educational opportunities and to help each create a better future for themselves.

Below is a schedule of events, please note that some events occur at the same time:

February 26

- **1-4 PM** Booth Interactions
- **4-6 PM** Supper Break
- **6-9 PM** Booth Interactions and Presentations
 - o 6-7 PM Shelley Mahar Preparing a Budget to Live Within
 - o 6:30 PM Athabasca University
 - o 7-8 PM Resumé Writing, presented by ECE
 - o **8-9 PM** Jan Fullerton Careers in the Skilled Trades
 - o 8-9 PM Student Financial Assistance, presented by ECE

February 27

- 9 AM-12 PM Booth Interactions
- 9 AM-4 PM Regional Skills Canada Competitions
- 12-1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30-4 PM Booth Interactions
- **5:30-7 PM** Skills Canada Award Presentations

Those interested in the *Your Future Starts Now Career Fair* can learn more through the SSDEC's Facebook page, or drop by Diamond Jenness S. S. on February 26th and 27th and take part; open to all ages.