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Farewell

After almost 5 years, Jean Visca is leaving her position to pursue a new opportunity

Welcome

Mimi John has started with us as program coordinator for the WIT program



Bridging Graduates
Mar 29 at Mohawk College



Learn & Network: Social Media Workshop
Mar 28 with Olga Kwak



WIT Graduates
Mar 27 at YWCA Hamilton



Exciting Opportunities in STEM Girls Club

by Ilana Allice, S.T.E.M. Girls Program Coordinator

We are two months into the STEM Girls Club program and there is so much to be excited about.

In the past two months we have learned about the cosmos and the planets in our solar system; we have learned about the phases of the moon and have seen the impacts of the tides on wildlife across the globe. With the help of the McMaster Engineering Venture Program, we have used the forces of flight to build rocket launchers, and have used algorithmic code to create and re-create a computer game program.

In May, STEM Girls Club will be going on two very exciting fieldtrips to McMaster University. The first will be a tour of the Engineering Sciences building, followed by a hands-on activity with the Engineering Venture Program staff.

The second will be a half-day of hands-on activity at the Institute for Infections Disease Research, where the girls will learn about bacteria growth and microbiological research. We are thrilled to be able to give these opportunities to young and growing minds, and look forward to seeing the confidence it nurtures in them, as they learn more about what they are capable of doing. If you have a daughter in Grade 6 who would like to become part of our STEM Girls Club, please contact us.



MORE INFORMATION

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“If you fail to plan, you plan to fail” - Benjamin Franklin

by Victoria Bularda, Business Coach



- ❖ In our Women's Entrepreneurship (W.E.) program this month, participants practiced their business pitch presentation. See pictures of W.E. Group #4 during their business presentations and to like our page by clicking: [Facebook page](#).
- ❖ Visit our [YouTube](#) channel to find more about Susan Walker's business; 'Gimme Paws' Susan, owner of Gimme Paws will talk about what the did program did for her. We welcome your comments!
- ❖ Please welcome 'Baskets without Boundaries – owner Holly Clark' to the Micro-lending program, who launched in April 2017:
- ❖ The topic for March Learn & Networking event was Social Media presented by the Guest Speaker: Olga Kwak, owner of [OK Digital Content](#). Guests attended our monthly event to learn about Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. See our calendar for our next event!

TIPS ON HOW TO WRITE A PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS PLAN:

- To be in written from Business' perspective (no I's)
- Proper names ONLY such as *ABC Company* and/or Joanna Smith
- Do not cut and paste from websites – use your own words and reference key documents as appendixes
- Verbiage section first – fill in the blanks and provide direction
- Financials done last as this will crystalize your words
- Return to verbiage and validate you have captured the financials as stated

If you are looking for free help on how to start-up or develop your business, make a reservation for one of the weekly Info Sessions held every Thursday, 9:30 am

Business Programs Info Session

Once a week at 9:30AM

(check calendar for dates)

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Calling all youth seeking employment and Hamilton employers

by Sabrina Douglas, Employment Counsellor/Job Developer

YWCA Hamilton is recruiting participants and employers for our SISTER (Success in Service Training and Employment Retention) Program! The SISTER Program is a youth employment program involving four weeks of paid training and 12 weeks of paid placement in the service sector.

To be eligible for the program, you must be:

- A woman between the ages of 15 and 30 at the time of intake
- Not in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits
- Legally entitled to work in Canada and Ontario
- A Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- In need of assistance in order to overcome employment barriers

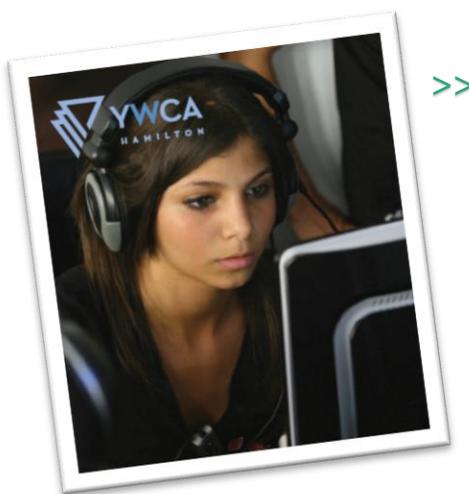
New groups are starting every seven weeks until 2019!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Eligible youth and/or employers interested in hosting a placement participant with a wage subsidy offer from YWCA Hamilton are invited to contact:

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Skills Upgrading and Employment for Women in I.T.!

by Mimi John, Career Development Specialist

Have you heard?!

May 26, 2017 marks the start of the new WIT program! Registration is currently open for this intensive 13-week course. This is a cost free program for women facing barriers to employment and skills upgrading in the I.T. industry.

The course includes:

- A Web Design and Development Certificate with academic training at Mohawk College
- Industry Certification - CIW Web Design Specialist
- Personal skills development, leadership training and job search support with assistance in resume writing, cover letter preparation and interview skills.
- 12-weeks work experience/job placement as a web developer
- Employment support

Eligibility:

- Education, experience or strong interest in web design and the IT industry
- Legally entitled to work in Canada
- A Canadian Language Benchmark of 7 and above or College Level English
- Are looking for a job as a Web developer
- Face barriers to access employment in the IT sector

This is more than just a course; it encourages and empowers women by making new friends to learning unique life skills to challenging the participant to take the next step to further excel in life.

For more information or to register for this program please contact Mimi.

Updates from Bridge to Employment Programs

by Jean Visca, Career Development Specialist

It has been a busy time for the bridging programs! Clients are starting new courses at Mohawk College. Our Environmental pros are working on Sustainable Business Practices, while our ICT pros are about to start MS Server Administration. These full-credit courses are important for technical upgrading, and also to learn more about specific Canadian employment expectations in their sectors.

We also held our third Bridging Graduation for 25 graduates on March 29th. Congratulations to all!

We currently have 11 participants in the environmental stream and 7 in the ICT stream.

Some more good news: 2 of our clients just landed one-year paid placements with the City of Hamilton in the Water Division. 2 others are interviewing this week.

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Employment Services Calendar
Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm
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May 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Women in IT Info Session 10:00 am – 11:30 am Visit us @ Central Library 4:00 – 6:00	2 Resource Centre OPEN 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	3 Resource Centre OPEN 8:30 am – 4:30 pm	4 Resource Centre OPEN 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Business Info session 9:30 am – 11:00 am	5 Resource Centre OPEN 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
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Resource Centre

by Carol-Anne Ritchie, Employment Councillor

The YWCA Hamilton's Employment Resource Centre, open to both men and women, offers FREE employment services.

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

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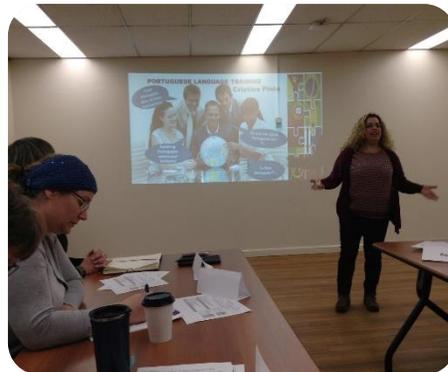


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Jean with Bridging Graduates
 Mar 29 at Mohawk College



Pitch Practice
 Mar 15 with Women's Entrepreneurship



Learn & Network Taxation Workshop
 Feb 28 with Bendo Consulting Services

