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SUBJECT: The City of Duluth Announces a Youth Work Experience Discussion

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[Duluth, MN] Duluth Workforce Development's Youth Employment Services (YES) Duluth program offers paid work experience and other services to young people age 16 to 24. Our dedicated and experienced staff provide one-on-one assessment, planning, and support to help young people set and achieve their employment and education goals.

Through our work experience program, YES Duluth partners with local employers and non-profit organizations to provide paid employment combined with training to build work readiness skills. YES Duluth pays the wages, and the host site provides the supervision, coaching, and on-the-job training with support and collaboration from YES Duluth staff. Work experience placements typically range from 120-240 hours and generally pay \$10.25 per hour.

All members of the community, including youth, employers, youth mentors, and community organizations are invited to join an idea sharing discussion about how we can use this opportunity to engage Duluth's young people in positive and productive experiences that build skills and benefit the community. We seek input on both development of new host sites and the recruitment of youth participants.

Work Experience Idea-Sharing Discussion

Date: Monday, June 8

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Location: WebEx Event - <https://duluthmn.gov/live-meeting>; **Event Name:** Workforce Development Public Meeting; **Event Password:** YESDuluth

Who is eligible for work experience through YES Duluth?

- Age 16-24
- Lives in Duluth
- Seeking assistance successfully gaining/maintaining employment
- Interested in working with the YES Duluth team for training and support

What makes a good host site?

- Able to provide youth with work and guidance to help build employment skills
- Business or non-profit organization; Service projects led by community members are also eligible, provided the required structure and supervision is in place
- Interested in mentoring and supporting youth
- Has a COVID-19 preparedness plan in place

Can't join us for the discussion? Email your input and ideas to YESDuluth@duluthmn.gov

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