

# Fuel Your Future: Where Dreams Become Startups!

## 2024-2025

**Youth Entrepreneurship Development Program** brought to you by the Business & Entrepreneurship Centre Northumberland. Equipping young people with the skills needed to transform their ideas into successful businesses.

Through workshops, mentorship, real-world challenges, and Experiential Learning, we aim to empower young minds to become the future leaders of our community.



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### *myFuture myCareer*

The Kids Entrepreneurship business start-up program supports youth to start their own business or expand their existing venture with the help of a micro-grant. For youth age 8 to 14, it is a bridge to the secondary, Summer Company program.



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### *Summer Company*

The Summer Company program is for youth interested in starting their own summer business. For youth and young adults ages 15 to 29. The Summer Company program offers business planning, mentoring, skill development, networking and a micro grant.



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### *Business Venture Plan Competition*

This Competition provides encouragement and recognition to enterprising young people in Northumberland County by offering students the opportunity to create a comprehensive, viable Venture Plan. Prizes are awarded to the winning participant, as well as the participant's school.



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### *Mentorships, Workshops, Tutoring and Ongoing Education*

Educational Seminars by Business Professionals, Mentorship, One-on-One Coaching, Peer Group Learning, and Opportunity for student job shadowing.

## *Experiential & Practical Learning*

Students will tour the OAFVC which serves as a launchpad for food entrepreneurs. Students and their school classes are invited to produce a food product and learn pricing, marketing, and create the business plan. School-to-school competitions are offered.

## *Starter Company Youth*

The Starter Company Youth Program is an opportunity for Youth Entrepreneurs to gain businesses development, training, advice, and mentoring to help sustain and grow their businesses, together with a micro grant.

## *Business Showcase Opportunities*

Participation arranged at Trade Show Style Events, allowing the youth entrepreneur to showcase their business to the public, and benefit from the potential for sales. Partners include; Staples store, community markets, fairs, etc.

## *Grants*

Government of Ontario funded grants to support and encourage youth to develop entrepreneurial skills.

### **Youth support since 2001:**

**Assisted 183 youth (age 8-29) with \$487,000 in grant funds distributed\*.**

**(\* Summer Company and Kids Entrepreneurship Program, combined)**

### **Broken down, since 2001:**

**Summer Company assisted 151 youth, with \$471,000 in grant funds.**

**Kids Entrepreneurship Program assisted 32 kids, with \$16,000 in grant funds.**