

# The Way to Work

## Event Agenda

8:30 am	8:40 am	Arrival and registration
8:40 am	9:30 am	<i>Continental breakfast</i> Welcome and logistics of the day Keynote Speaker – Katherine Ryan Spotlight – Jana Green Introduction of team leaders
9:35 am	10:05 am	Getting Connected <b>Orange Team</b> \$ Invest in Yourself <b>Green Team</b> Learn while you EARN <b>Red Team</b> So now you've got the job... <b>Blue Team</b>
10:10 am	10:40 am	Getting Connected <b>Blue Team</b> \$ Invest in Yourself <b>Orange Team</b> Learn while you EARN <b>Green Team</b> So now you've got the job... <b>Red Team</b>
10:40 am	10:55 am	<i>Refreshment break</i>
10:55 am	11:25 am	Getting Connected <b>Red Team</b> \$ Invest in Yourself <b>Blue Team</b> Learn while you EARN <b>Orange Team</b> So now you've got the job... <b>Green Team</b>
11:30 am	12:00 pm	Getting Connected <b>Green Team</b> \$ Invest in Yourself <b>Red Team</b> Learn while you EARN <b>Blue Team</b> So now you've got the job... <b>Orange Team</b>
12:00 pm	12:30 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>
12:30 pm	1:15 pm	Speakers panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Alison Drew/minacs</li><li>○ Olga Young/Blenheim Canadian Tire</li><li>○ Bill Cumming/Renaissance Personnel</li><li>○ Deb Robert/Wheels Inn Chatham</li></ul>
1:15 pm	1:30 pm	Wrap-up ceremonies, door prizes, evaluation surveys

## Keynote Speaker

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**Katherine Ryan** is a Canadian comedian and TV personality from Sarnia, Ontario. In 2006 after beating cancer Katherine translated her stand-up experience into a motivational speaking career. She has appeared on Much Music's 'Video on Trial', will be on NBC's Last Comic Standing this season and has worked with a number of 'celebs' including Jessica Simpson, Johnny Knoxville and Tom Green. Audiences note that Katherine exudes a wholesome sweetness, making her edgy in-your-face material even more shocking.

## Speakers Panel

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What are local employers looking for when they hire?

What skill sets are employers seeking and what jobs are available in the community?

Representatives from various employment sectors will provide insight into their wants and needs when hiring a high school graduate.

### **Alison Drew– Human Resources Manager, minacs (Aditya Birla Group Company)**

"We take care of our employees through excellent benefits and a commitment to develop our people to reach new career heights. If you want an exciting, fast-paced career and the chance to work with an automotive industry leader, this is the place to be."

Toll Free Recruitment Telephone: 519-360-4624 [www.minacs.com](http://www.minacs.com)

### **Olga Young – Blenheim Canadian Tire**

Canadian Tire is a proud Canadian family with 48,000 people working coast-to-coast in the corporation's retail, financial services, petroleum and apparel businesses. Within this successful network, you can find the best place to build your career. In addition to formal training, our career development opportunities include a company learning calendar, project work, volunteer work, continuing education, mentoring relationships and committee participation. And it all occurs in an environment that is fast-paced, rewarding, friendly and team-oriented. We are a company that truly lives our values. [www.canadiantire.ca](http://www.canadiantire.ca)

### **Bill Cumming - Consultant, Renaissance Personnel**

"Renaissance Personnel is a full service Employment Agency providing temporary and permanent placements in virtually every career category. Servicing most of South-western Ontario, we have offices in Chatham, London and Windsor."

Telephone: (519) 351-1957 [www.renaperson.com](http://www.renaperson.com)

### **Deb Robert - Director of Human Resources, Wheels Inn Chatham**

"Wheels Inn is more than a hotel; it's a full-service resort featuring four restaurants, convention facilities and an indoor theme park with 65,000 square feet of sports, games and water park recreation. We employ as many as 250 people and are always looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our team."

Telephone: (519) 351-1100 [www.wheelsinn.com](http://www.wheelsinn.com)

## Workshop

## \$ Invest in Yourself

Look at the big picture so you don't get a surprise in the form of huge, overdue credit card bills, bounced checks, or automated teller machines that refuse to surrender cash.

Make sure your money works for you.  
Your money, your plan, your life.

Presenter: Greg Davenport, Edward Jones (Investment firm)



## Workshop

## Learn while you EARN!

Learn While You EARN!!  
There are over 145 different apprenticeships...  
Is apprenticeship an option for you?

Apprenticeship is a hands-on training program for people who want to work in a skilled trade and who enjoy learning by doing. Apprenticeship training provides access to well paying jobs that demand a high level of skills, judgment, and creativity.

This workshop includes information on the different types of apprenticeships, what to expect and how to get STARTED!!

Presenter: Pat Colasanti, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities  
Workplace Training Branch



## Workshop

## Getting Connected

Through this interactive presentation, participants will increase their knowledge of job search and interview skills and how Job Connect can assist them on their 'Way to Work'.

Presenters: Adele Metcalfe and Wayne Pheasant  
St. Clair College–Youth Employment  
Centre/Job Connect



## Workshop

## So now you've got the job...

Can you refuse to perform an assigned task at work?  
Can you be asked to work on an unpaid trial basis?  
What are 'fair' and 'unfair' workplace rules?

This activity based workshop provides information on topics such as: your rights and responsibilities in the workplace, employer expectations and tips on excelling at your job.

Presenters: Karen Carlson & Sue Kryzac  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Ontario Works Employment Counsellors



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