The Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation *and* The RBC Future Launch Community Challenge

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RBC Future Launch Community Challenge

The RBC Future Launch Community Challenge is a call to action for youth, aged 15 - 29, in over 150 small and mid-sized communities across Canada.

The goal of the program is to support youth and young adults to build and share their experience and leadership for adding to positive social and environmental changes in their communities

The Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation applied for and received a grant for this initiative and has contracted local community developer, Heidi Schaeffer, principal with Advancing Change Together (ACT) consulting, to facilitate the engagement and co-design of the events with community members.

The RBC Future Launch Community Challenge *is made possible thanks to the support from* **The RBC Foundation**

TRENT HILLS YOUNG LEADERSHIP NETWORK

The RBC Future Launch Community Challenge has made it possible for youth across Ontario to step into leadership roles within their communities. Recently, the RBC funded project through the Campbellford Seymour Community Foundation changed direction due to COVID-19. The young adults launched the What s Up? 18 to 29 Community Experience Survey that allowed Young adults within the community of Trent Hills to have their voices heard.

Over 70 young adults from Trent Hills answered the survey. Respondents were asked to answer multiple questions, but one question regarding the impact of COVID-19 on their personal lives was of particular interest and concern. Here is how some youth are describing the impact of COVID-19.
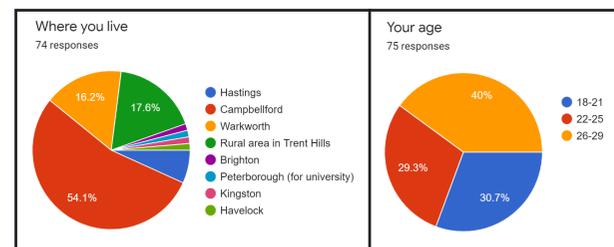
"I have been at home working remotely for most of the pandemic…. Trent Hills really needs to develop more dependable high-speed internet access"

"The amount of stress has increased substantially due to the change in available outings (fitness facilities, restaurants being closed, social distancing protocols) it makes it a lot harder to find stress relief in any kind of form."

"Our search for a home to buy has ceased since both of us lost employment."
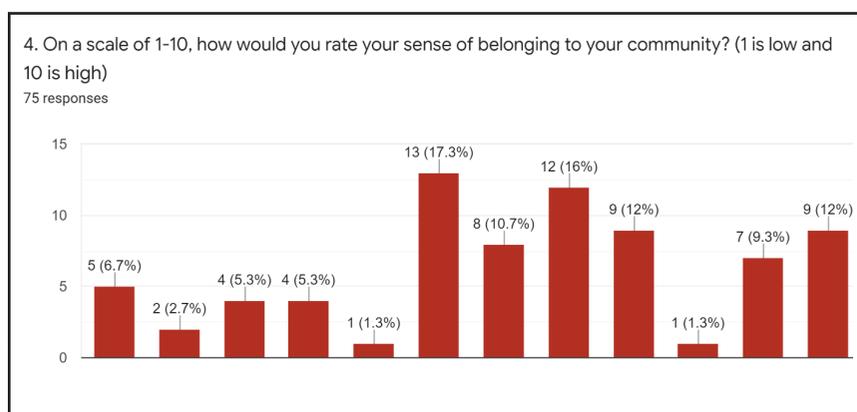
"I'm seeing a lot of isolation and loneliness impacting restaurant patrons … and know of people in the community who have had increased substance use and depression."

The sponsorship from the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge and the Campbellford Seymour Community Foundation has allowed for the Trent Hills Young Leadership Network, an emerging group of adults between 18 and 29, to become the leaders responsible for handling and interpreting the survey results. They recently had a meeting to discuss the survey results and decide the next steps. They are currently planning an event that will take place in the fall so that young adults in Trent Hills will be able to gather, share ideas and take actions together.

Where you live
74 responses

- Hastings
- Campbellford
- Warkworth
- Rural area in Trent Hills
- Brighton
- Peterborough (for university)
- Kingston
- Havelock

16.2% | 17.6% | 54.1%

Your age
75 responses

- 18-21
- 22-25
- 26-29

40% | 30.7% | 29.3%

Back row -
Kira Mees, Nick St Jean, Justin Battman (project coordinator), Tess Brown and Soren Christianson

Front row -
Kirsten Ingram, Katherine Nicholas and Sadie Mees

4. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your sense of belonging to your community? (1 is low and 10 is high)
75 responses

5 (6.7%) | 2 (2.7%) | 4 (5.3%) | 4 (5.3%) | 1 (1.3%) | 13 (17.3%) | 8 (10.7%) | 12 (16%) | 9 (12%) | 1 (1.3%) | 7 (9.3%) | 9 (12%)

HOW CAN THE TRENT HILLS YOUNG LEADERSHIP NETWORK HELP YOU?

Let us know what we can do. Follow and reach out to us on social media to receive updates or to join us.

Follow us on Instagram **@THYoungLeadershipNetwork**

The RBC Future Launch Community Challenge is hosted by Community Foundations of Canada and participating community foundations, and is made possible thanks to a $5M donation from RBC Foundation. It is part of RBC Future Launch, a commitment by RBC and the RBC Foundation to empower Canadian youth for the jobs of tomorrow.

Over the next 10 years, RBC Future Launch is dedicating $500 million to help young people access meaningful employment through practical work experience, skills development opportunities, networking solutions and mental well-being supports and services.

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