

Heritage Canada The National Trust On-site with Young Canada Works

For over ten years, Heritage Canada The National Trust, in partnership with the Department of Canadian Heritage and other delivery organizations, has administered financial contributions under the Young Canada Works (YCW) program. This summer the National Trust funded 4 internships and helped 51 employers provide employment to 64 students in the field of heritage conservation.

The YCW coordinator monitored several participating employers across the region of Eastern Ontario. Here are a few snapshots of their activities:

Corporation of the City of Kingston (Kingston, Ontario)

The first capital of the United Canadas, Kingston is situated where the St. Lawrence and Cataraqui rivers meet Lake Ontario. Kingston is a city rich with history and the City of Kingston's Civic Collection is home to many artifacts and pieces of local and national significance. The Civic Collection is comprised of paintings, artifacts and monuments distributed across various city-owned sites, including Kingston City Hall, which is a National Historic Site. Through the YCW program the City of Kingston was able to hire Benjamin Walmsley, a first-year University of Ottawa student studying history. Benjamin spent his summer in Kingston handling some of the city's most treasured and historically significant artifacts. He carefully researched each piece to determine both its historical significance and where it should be displayed or archived. Through this job, Benjamin learned how to properly handle and care for an artifact and developed a greater understanding and appreciation of the history of the city. To learn more about the City of Kingston's Civic Collection, click here <https://www.cityofkingston.ca/explore/culture-history/arts/civic-art-collection>



Upper Canada Village (Morrisburg, Ontario)



Situated 90 km south of Ottawa on the St. Lawrence River, Upper Canada Village is a heritage park that depicts pre-Confederation life in Canada. The village is made up of numerous historic homes, two working farms, three water-powered mills, trade shops, churches, a bakery and other heritage buildings. Upper Canada Village also has an extensive artifacts collection and library which serve both the public and staff. Thanks to the YCW program, Upper Canada Village was able to hire Canadian Tyne Gove, a third year Plattsburgh State University student studying history, to work with the public and behind the scenes. Tyne spent her summer working with the Collections and Archives Department researching the history of the buildings and area to ensure that the scripts used in reenactments were accurate, and digitizing photos of Village artefacts into an internal database. Tyne also worked as an interpreter, entertaining visitors by reenacting life from the 19th century. Besides gaining valuable experience, Tyne learned more about early life in Canada. For more information about Upper Canada Village, click here <http://www.uppercanadavillage.com/index.cfm/en/home/>

Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum (Carp, Ontario)

The Diefenbunker is a 100,000 square foot museum located on the outskirts of Ottawa in the township of Carp. This Cold War Museum, built in the 1960s, was an underground bunker designed to house the highest officials of the Canadian Government during the event of a nuclear attack on the country. It remained in operation until 1994 when it was decommissioned and classified a National Historic Site and, in 1997, opened again as a museum. This past summer, the Diefenbunker hired Stephanie Miles, an Algonquin College student in the Applied Museums Studies Department. Stephanie's main tasks involved monitoring and documenting the physical attributes of the museum. Through the examination of blueprints, photographs and physical surveys Stephanie was able to determine the unique aspects of the site and help shape a conservation plan to preserve the physical heritage of the building. Stephanie gained hands-on experience in her field of study while learning more about one of the most interesting and unique National Historic Sites in Canada. For more information about the Diefenbunker click here <http://diefenbunker.ca/>



The National Trust accepts applications for both the YCW in Heritage Organizations and the YCW - Building Careers in Heritage programs. Applications are completed online and are due by **February 2nd, 2015**. To find out more about YCW and the application process, please visit www.youngcanadaworks.gc.ca or contact our YCW coordinator:

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