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**Did you know…**your local school district could be your answer to hiring an apprentice? Youth Work in Trades programs are a great place to start when you're looking for passionate student apprentices in your community.

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) works with the Ministry of Education to bring trades training programs to elementary and secondary schools across BC. Increasing early hands-on experience for students is also a focus in BC's Skills for Jobs Blueprint, through which the Province is re-engineering education and training programs toward a data-driven system that focuses investments on jobs that are in-demand

Youth Train in Trades and Youth Work in Trades are dual credit programs that are offered through various secondary schools that provide students a chance to get a head start on their trades training. Students in these programs earn credit toward their high school graduation and Level 1 technical training. Those in Youth Work in Trades also earn workplace hours to count toward their apprenticeship training in their respective trades.

While Youth Train in Trades covers technical training in the classroom, Youth Work in Trades is the hands-on portion of the dual credit programs. Youth Work in Trades students are just like Level 1 apprentices. As 80% of trades training is done in the workplace, Youth Work in Trades is an integral piece of a secondary school student's apprenticeship journey and that's where you come in as a youth employer sponsor.

Have you had a student approach you about sponsorship? When you do, think back to when you were starting out as an apprentice. Think about the positive impact your first apprenticeship made on you and your career. Perhaps that will move you to give that student a chance, just as your sponsors or mentor did for you.

Visit www.itabc.ca/youth or contact your local school district or ITA Apprenticeship Advisor for more information on hiring youth apprentices and the benefits of sponsorship, including tax credits and wage subsidies.

Quick info sheet for employer sponsors:
http://www.itabc.ca/sites/default/files/docs/discover/Youth/Employer%20Tear%20Sheet.pdf

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