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You can reach us in the following ways:

1. **Website** (for BYOB registration and further information):
www.focusontraining.com
and follow the BYOB link!
2. **Telephone:**
(613) 969-0720
or toll free – 1-800-231-9005
3. **Fax:** (613) 969-0719
4. **Mail or Visit** us at:
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Our Office is located on the 1st floor of the Ramada Inn.

"If you can dream, you can do it"

Walt Disney

build your own business



Are you an aspiring entrepreneur?

Would you like to learn about being your own boss and starting your own business?

BYOB is a unique opportunity to learn about self-employment, gain business skills and launch your own business.

For youth aged 15 to 29, who live in Hastings, Prince Edward or Lennox & Addington Counties.

What is BYOB?

A new, local initiative that:

- Helps youth and students gain business skills and learn about self-employment through training sessions and business mentoring.
- Assists youth to plan their own business and gain access to funding and support to launch their own company.
- Provides a career option for those who wish to explore self-employment.

What Does BYOB Offer?

- Entrepreneur Camps
- Financial grants for qualifying individuals to help start their business.
- Training sessions covering various business skills and topics.
- Mentor support from business people.
- Special memberships, discounts and resources.
- Ongoing support for those who launch a business.

Build Skills

You will receive training, support and resources that focus on:

- *Planning & developing your business.*
- *Marketing and sales.*
- *Budgeting and financing.*
- *The legal side of business.*
- *Accounting and bookkeeping.*
- *Developing your service or product*

Gain Knowledge

"I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious."

Albert Einstein

Every business was started by someone. From the largest to the smallest, entrepreneurs have been creating companies for centuries and will be doing so for centuries to come. *Do you have the interest and motivation to be an entrepreneur?* BYOB is an opportunity to think about, plan, practice and possibly launch your own business. If you have a skill, talent, product, service or just a 'dream' ...you could be on your way to becoming a successful entrepreneur.



You can get a registration form directly online at www.focusontraining.com and follow the BYOB link.

Where Does BYOB Take Place?

Based on enrolment, the entrepreneur camps and training sessions will take place at convenient locations in the 3 counties. If you are starting a business, BYOB will attempt to provide support directly where you are operating your business.

BYOB provides hands-on learning, personal assistance, support and resources to help you gain the skills and knowledge needed to become a self-employed business person.

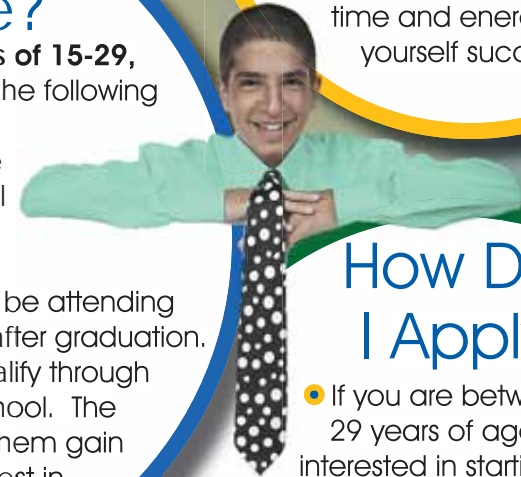
What Will I Need?

- An interest in learning about self-employment and business.
- A desire and motivation to start and operate your own business.
- For those who qualify and are over 18, you will be developing a full business plan and investing time and energy to help yourself succeed.

Who Can Participate?

If you are between the ages of 15-29, you may be eligible in one of the following categories:

1. Youth from ages 18-29 who are not in school full time or working full time. You can be involved in either one on a part time basis.
2. Grade 12 students who will not be attending post secondary school full time after graduation.
3. Grade 9-11 students who qualify through the criteria set by their high school. The focus for students is to help them gain experience, skills and interest in entrepreneurship through our short-term camps.



How Do I Apply?

- If you are between 18 and 29 years of age, and are interested in starting your own business, contact us using one of the methods noted on the BACK PANEL.
- If you are still in high school, contact your guidance counsellor, cooperative education counsellor or ask your teacher for information about BYOB.