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### **DépasseToi Returns to Strengthen the Skills of French-Speaking Youth in Minority Communities Across Canada**

Ottawa, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 — The *Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française* (FJCF) is proud to relaunch *DépasseToi*, a program designed to facilitate the entry and retention of French-Speaking youth facing barriers in the labour market, while also contributing to the vitality of francophone minority communities (FMCs).

Until March 2028, the program plans to offer:

1. Financial support of up to \$1,500 per person for youth wishing to participate in professional development initiatives within Canada.
2. Quality employment opportunities in non-profit organizations, the public sector, or businesses within FMCs, enabling young people to gain meaningful professional work experience in French.

In this regard, the program is seeking approximately forty employers based in FMCs who are interested in contributing to the skills development of French-speaking youth.

3. Training programs tailored to the needs of youth and aligned with the demands of the francophone labour market in minority communities, offered in the form of audio and video capsules, as well as educational exercises. These training pathways, designed for both young people and program employers, will be available at all times on Touski, the online learning platform developed by and for the FJCF network.

*DépasseToi* is aimed at youth aged 15 to 30, holding permanent resident status in Canada and living in francophone minority communities. By a personalised approach focused on their needs, the program seeks to help reduce the obstacles faced by French-speaking youth in the labour market. The FJCF firmly believes that all young people have the capacity to reach their full potential and wishes to encourage them to pursue the career path that suits them best by offering, over the coming months, around ten training programs and hundreds of financial aid opportunities.

The platform [www.depassemoi.ca](http://www.depassemoi.ca) is the go-to destination for information about the program's services, access the training programs, apply for financial support and view job postings.

*DépasseToi* is an initiative of the Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française serving official language minority communities and is funded by the Government of Canada's Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS).

## About FJCF

*For over 50 years, the Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française (FJCF) has advocated for and promoted the role of French-speaking youth in Canada, in collaboration with its 12 provincial and territorial youth member associations. Thanks to its network, the FJCF represents the interests of French-speaking youth in Canada and helps them reach their full potential, notably by leading major projects such as the Forum jeunesse pancanadien, the Canadian Francophone Games, the Parlement jeunesse pancanadien, the Bourses jeunes engagé-es, the Vice-Versa program, as well as by coordinating multiple youth employability and skills development programs such as Young Canada Works/Jeunesse Canada au travail, DépasseToi, and Apic.*

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