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# Reboot Plus Expanded

The  
project

This program helps marginalized young people re-engage in both education and career development and explore fields of interest. At the same time, it allows potential employers to see the potential in this demographic and support their entry into the workforce.

## Partners

Douglas College

**150** youth in Vancouver;

**120** in three other Canadian cities

## Locations

British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario

## Additional Partners

PEERs Inc., Burnaby School District, Burnaby Board of Trade, Surrey Board of Trade

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## Topics

Career Services  
Future Skills  
Inclusive Economy  
Pathways to Jobs

## Related Tags

bridging education,  
career pathways,  
secondary education,  
skills development,  
youth

Young  
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The  
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project  
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layer  
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support  
to  
catch  
these  
young  
people  
before  
they  
fall  
through  
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cracks.

Future Skills Centre is investing \$2.84 million to expand the innovative Reboot Plus program for youth 17 to 24 who have not finished or are not on track to graduate high school. This follows a previous investment of \$1 million in the Metro Vancouver program, but the next phase will expand the program locally and to three new partners in other Canadian cities.

# Skills training/career services provided

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peoples,  
LGBTQ2S+,  
people  
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on  
the  
autism  
spectrum,  
living  
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and  
undiagnosed  
learning  
disabilities,  
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depression  
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anxiety,  
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those  
with  
essential  
skills  
gaps  
who  
lack  
post-  
secondary  
education.



The program offers participants the chance to meet four to seven professionals in their fields of interest to get to know

the sector, what the job market is like, job requirements, and get guidance on developing their careers.

## Early results

To date, Reboot Plus has worked with over 60 young people and over 200 professionals who run informational interviews with the youth participants. Three cohorts of 20+ youth took part in training that includes essential skills, hope-centred career development, résumé and job search portfolio development, and networking, presentation skills, and practice.

In the first phase, Douglas College provided the training, and interviews took place with local Burnaby and Surrey employers and professionals, helping participants build confidence and understand the labour market and potential career paths — maybe even get a job. The project also helped employers understand this pool of talent and develop specific onboarding strategies and tools for them.

**Next  
phase**



Reboot Plus is continuing its partnership in Metro Vancouver and expanding to three new cities in Canada to test the portability and scalability of this initiative. It also expands delivery and evaluation to over 150 youth in Metro Vancouver and over 120 youth in three other jurisdictions, engaging up to 2,000 employers and professionals. Organizers anticipate that the new partners will provide new contexts and identify issues

related  
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and  
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program  
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address.



# Evaluation Strategy

This project will be evaluated using tools and approaches aligned with its goals, context, and stage of development. The evaluation will focus on generating the right evidence at the right moment to move the intervention forward. [Read more about our evaluation strategy.](#)



The Future Skills Centre acknowledges that the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee share a special relationship to the 'Dish With One Spoon Territory,' where our office is located, bound to share and protect the land. As a pan-Canadian initiative, FSC operates on the traditional territory of many Indigenous nations across Turtle Island, the name given to the North American continent by some Indigenous peoples. We are grateful for the opportunity to work in this territory and commit ourselves to learning about our shared history and doing our part towards reconciliation.

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