



CIFAL York - Workshop: Gateways to Pathways: Talent and Industry Forum

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Deadline: 6 Mar 2026

Type:	Conference
Location:	Markham, York, Ontario, Canada, Canada
Date:	7 Mar 2026
Duration:	1 Days
Thematic Area:	Entrepreneurship
Website:	https://www.york.ca/newsroom/events/gateways-pathways-talent-and-industry-forum
Price:	\$0.00
Event Focal Point Email:	cifaldirector@yorku.ca
Partnership:	York University

BACKGROUND

A full-day, in-person forum bringing together employers, job seekers, community organizations and public-sector partners to explore how inclusive hiring, equitable employment practices and collaboration can strengthen our local economy.

Presented in partnership with York University, York Region and York Regional Police, the forum supports a joint Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), productive employment and decent work for all.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

Employers and job seekers are navigating a rapidly changing labour market. This forum was designed to move beyond a traditional job fair model and foster informed, transparent conversations about hiring practices, workforce needs and opportunities for inclusive growth.

The forum provides an opportunity to:

- Share insights on current and emerging labour market trends
- Explore inclusive recruitment and retention strategies
- Increase awareness of equitable hiring practices and labour trafficking
- Strengthen pathways between education, training and employment
- Build partnerships across employers, community agencies and institutions

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The Gateways to Pathways: Talent and Industry Forum is intended for:

- Employers and hiring leaders in actively hiring sectors, such as advanced manufacturing, agri-food, STEM, public services, healthcare and life sciences
- Job seekers, including newcomers, youth, women, racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, 2SLGBTQ and individuals who are unemployed or underemployed
- Community agencies and service providers supporting workforce development
- Educators, policymakers and institutional partners