

# Connecting with Youth The Rural Way

*Full day no cost training*

October 2, 2018

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Mount Forest & District Sports Complex  
850 Princess Street, Mount Forest, ON, N0G 2L0  
(Lunch/snacks and resource materials included)



Engaging adolescents in a meaningful way is a skill that can be learned. It is grounded in the principles of understanding the developmental needs of youth, the assets they have, appreciating how their brains are developing, and recognizing the importance that peers and caring adults have in their lives. Through research and other information tools and techniques, this workshop will walk participants through these principles. Then, through small group discussion and practical application processes, special consideration will be given to applying these principles within the unique characteristics that living life in rural Ontario can bring.

**This workshop is intended for all those who work with youth and/or are interested in engaging youth such as, economic development staff, parks and recreation staff, elected officials and/or advisory committee members to:**

- Discover the keys to engaging and retaining youth in rural communities
- Learn more about teen development and how teens make decisions
- Create a stronger youth voice and presence in local decision making processes
- Connect with others who are interested in supporting positive youth development
- Understand the unique role of adults in supporting effective youth engagement

**Presenter:**

**Jason Cranny, RyB Facilitation and Training, Owen Sound**

Jason Cranny has been working in the field of Youth Advocacy, Recreation and Health for over 14 years. Currently Jason is a Provincial Facilitator for Parks and Recreation Ontario, the Youth Advocacy Training Institute and Stand Up for Change. Jason is a Past President of the YMCA Owen Sound Grey Bruce and was a big advocate for the construction of the New Recreation Centre in Owen Sound. Jason was instrumental in the building of local youth Coalitions in Grey Bruce, of which two have now been recognized as Youth Friendly communities by the Parks and Recreation Ontario with a third on the way.

[Register Here](#)

The deadline to register is September 26



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