

# Connecting with Youth The Rural Way

*Full day no cost training*

October 12, 2018

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Opeongo High School

1990 Cobden Road, Douglas, ON, K0J 1S0

(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:**

**Brenda Whitehead, Principal, KeepingPace Consulting**

Brenda Whitehead works full-time as the CEO of her local Chamber of Commerce, and has a very diverse background related to parks, recreation and community development. After working in private, not for profit, employment and government sectors Brenda has become known for her commitment to Youth and the Youth Friendly Community movement. Brenda has presented on this topic numerous times at local, provincial and national conferences and she believes that all youth have value and that adult champions have to continue to remind them of that.'

[Register Here](#)

The deadline to register is October 9



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