

YPP Policy Committee Meeting

Post Secondary Education

Wed. May 28th - 7pm

1) Current YPP Policy on Post Secondary Education:

- All British Columbians benefit from an educated population. Generally educated citizens pay more in tax, are healthier, cause less crime and elect better governments. For BC to stay competitive in the Global Economy, we need a well educated workforce.
- Make advanced education more achievable by providing forgivable loans for British Columbians in certain fields when they work in BC for a set length of time after obtaining their degrees. This will encourage British Columbians to pursue post-secondary education without having to worry about the financial burden if they are committed to contributing to BC's economy.
- Student loans will be better catered to students' needs; a student should be able to borrow only a portion of the loan amounts that are offered if they don't require the whole amount.
- Increase the number and variety of educational opportunities in BC. This can be done by removing regulations limiting the number of private post-secondary institutions allowed within BC and the maximum number of people trained in each discipline.
- Work with different occupational certification organizations to help recognize the training which foreign workers arrive with where there are shortages of workers in a certain industry. Some immigrants are primarily allowed into Canada because of their degrees and then they are required to start their education over as if they haven't had any training. It is important to ensure workers are educated to Canadian standards, but a lot of foreign workers are educated in institutions in the US and Europe which have higher standards than Canadian Universities.

2) Questions to consider for the Meeting:

- What do you agree or disagree with in the current YPP post secondary Education policy? Why? Based on?
- In your opinion what's working and not working currently with the post secondary education system in B.C?

- What stance would you like Your Political Party to have on post secondary education in B.C?
- Caps on student loans, positive or negative?
- Is there a gap between post secondary education and job security?
- Should we reward (financially) more post secondary education that is more labour markets ready?

3) Web Links that may be helpful:

- News sound bite: BC Government to Align Post-Secondary with Job Openings
<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Local+Shows/British+Columbia/On+The+Coast/ID/2453306107/>
- BC Gov't Stats:
<http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/mediaroom/facts.htm>
- Senate report : Reducing Barriers to Post Secondary Education in Canada
<http://www.parl.gc.ca/content/sen/committee/411/soci/rep/rep06dec11-e.pdf>
- News: More Women than Men have Post Secondary Education
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/more-women-than-men-have-post-secondary-education-1.1358656>
- Report on Global Funding and Cost Recovery Models:
<http://www.ousa.ca/dev/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/Global-Examination-of-Post-Secondary-Education-Cost-Recovery-Models.pdf>
- CFS Sheet : Free Post Secondary Education in Ontario
<http://cfsontario.ca/downloads/CFS-Factsheet-FreeEducation.pdf>
- Huffington Post Editorial: Cutting Back on Liberal Arts and Sciences Hurts Canada
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/don-tapscott/arts-and-sciences-in-canada_b_5358697.html