

As a not-for-profit organization, YES enriches the community by providing English-language support services to help Quebecers find employment and start businesses.

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Client of the Month

Dallas Currow
Social Media Marketing

Dallas first came to us in September and met with Ellen, a YES employment counsellor. Dallas had a distinguished academic career: a master's degree in media studies, and a long list of academic awards and scholarships including the prestigious SSHRC award. She speaks four languages, has worked in Tanzania with Oxfam, is a freelance photographer and was a writer and editor for various publications. When she came to YES she was looking for help with her job search.

What set Dallas apart was not her long list of qualifications and achievements, but her optimism and determination. She was active and motivated in her job search. To get hired as an unpaid intern at an up and coming magazine, she wrote an out-of-the-box cover letter highlighting her own creativity. Dallas understood the key element of successful job hunting: treat your job search with the same professionalism as you treat your job. Dallas is now employed in social media marketing, and in her free time she gives back to YES by volunteering on YES' Youth Committee.

Congratulations Dallas!

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BUSINESS SKILLS FOR CREATIVE SOULS

9TH ANNUAL SELF-EMPLOYED ARTISTS' CONFERENCE

Centaur Theatre - Monday June 8, 2009

There is a moment in every Montreal artist's career when they wake up on a warm Monday morning in late spring and go to the YES Artist Conference. For many it is an annual tradition. Whichever the case, this year's conference's remarkable lineup of speakers and panelists gives Montreal artists 14 more terrific reasons to attend.



Liane Balaban, Actor

Getting her debut in *New Waterford Girl* over a decade ago, Liane Balaban now stars in mainstream Hollywood feature films, recently starring in *Last Chance Harvey* in January 2009. Her upcoming films include *You Might As Well Live* with Michael Madsen and *Coach* with Hugh Dancy. In her spare time Liane writes poetry and fiction and enhances her comedy chops at Theatre Ste. Catherine. Find out why Liane chose Montreal instead of L.A. as she addresses the audience as the conference morning keynote.



Andy Nulman,
President and CMO
Airborne Mobile

"POW! Right Between The Eyes" just published by Wiley USA in February 2009, is Andy Nulman's third book. Having already published two best-selling books, growing the Just For Laughs comedy festival from a two-day event to one that attracts over 2 million visitors, and co-founding Airborne Mobile, a company that grew to being worth \$110 million in only 7 years, Andy is always looking for the next big win. Find out how he uses creativity and the power of surprise as he entertains and shocks the audience as the conference afternoon keynote.

**At \$30, tickets sell-out quickly - get yours before they are all gone.
This conference sells-out every year.**

Career **FAST FORWARD**

Do you know where you want to be in 10 years? Establishing specific, measurable and time targeted objectives to help you see though the planning of your career can seem daunting. YES offers a **Goal Setting Workshop** to help you learn how to make goals that are tangible, specific and realistic and then learn how to design sensible plans to achieve the intended goals. Unearth your motivation! If you want to get to your career goals quickly, you have got to clarify on why you want them. What do they mean to you? Simply setting a target may lead to progress in the desired direction, but understanding why the target is desired encourages personal investment into the achievement of the goal. Don't wander around in the dark looking for how to get to your dream job; start planning today so you can be where you want to be in 10 years!



Workshop at YES

NEED A SUMMER JOB? YES IS THE ANSWER!

School is out and have some free time? Want to make some extra cash?



The YES summer job board

Take this opportunity to make the most of this summer by visiting YES Montreal's Summer Job Display. The staff at YES have already done the work for you by contacting employers from all over the city and have posted seasonal positions for summer & day camp counselors, event planners, sporting instructors, administrative assistants, language teachers, restaurant staff, retail associates, amongst many others. All you have to do is visit our center and browse through our YES' Summer Job Postings Display. It's that simple!

The benefits to working through the summer months are endless. "Summer jobs will not only put some money in your pocket, they will give you some valuable information to add to your résumé, including references," says Jaelyn Schwartzman,

Career Counsellor at YES. "You will also pick up some new skills, build up your pool of contacts and most importantly, have an overall sense of accomplishment."

"Summer jobs can also give opportunity to securing part-time employment with your summer employer during the school year," says Annalise Iten, Director of YES Montreal's Job Search Program. "This process can help students learn how to time manage between studies and projects at work."

So don't wait another day! Come visit YES and make this summer your best yet! The YES centre is open Monday to Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm. If you are an employer and need summer help, we can be of assistance. This is a free service for both job seekers and employers. For more information, call **514-878-9788** or come by and visit us at 666 Sherbrooke Street West, on the 7th floor.

YES Statistic

Did you know?

YES sees over 1000 entrepreneurs seeking business advice every year.

Upcoming @ YES

Jump Start your Job Search
(FREE info session for job seekers)
Tuesday & Friday, 2 PM-4PM

Jump Start your Business
(FREE info session for entrepreneurs)
Wednesdays, 2 PM-3:15PM

Grants & Loans Info Session
for Entrepreneurs
(FREE info session for Entrepreneurs)
June 11th, 2 PM-3:30PM

Jump Start your Art/Grants & Loans
(FREE info session for artists)
June 18th, 2 PM-3:30PM

Evening Workshops @ YES

Careers in Finance & Accounting

Thursday, June 11, 2009 (6:30pm-8:30pm)

Cost : \$15.00

Are you approaching graduation and considering a career in Finance & Accounting?

Have you ever wondered what it takes to develop a career in Finance & Accounting here in Montreal?

Meet with experts from the Finance & Accounting industry to discuss what they look for in new recruits, how to get your foot in the door, and what "a day in the life" entails.

Guest Speaker: Gavin Correa, CA, CFP™, TEP, Managing Partner of Litwin Correa Accountants. Gavin's areas of expertise are Financial Services, General Accounting and Tax. Other speakers, including representatives from the finance sector, are to be confirmed.

Pre-registration is required for all the above workshops. For more information, or to register call 514-878-9788, or visit www.yesmontreal.ca

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