

Memorandum

To: Employment Ontario Network

From: Monica Neitzert, Director, Lifelong Learning and Essential Skills Branch

Date: November 17, 2017

Subject: Code for Canada Fellowship

OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide your organization with information about the Code for Canada fellowship project with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD). Code for Canada is an organization that brings together government innovators and civic technologists to build digital solutions that work for citizens.

BACKGROUND:

- In September 2016, MAESD, along with partner ministries of Education, and Citizenship and Immigration, were mandated to work together to strengthen the adult education system. This work is driven by the vision for a seamless, learner-centered adult education system. This system will provide opportunities for all adults living in Ontario to develop the knowledge and skills they need to participate fully in Ontario's highly skilled workforce and constantly evolving society.
- One of the priorities for a strengthened system is developing tools to enhance the navigation of programs and services in order to support adult learners and service providers in a more seamless and coordinated way.
- MAESD is pleased to announce a partnership with Code for Canada to embed a fellowship team of people from the digital tech world who will help us with this priority.
- The fellowship team will consist of three cross-functional digital professionals: a developer, a designer and a product manager. They will work closely with MAESD, partner ministries and a range of external stakeholders.
- On Thursday, November 9, 2017 Code for Canada hosted a public announcement of the fellowship program at their offices in Toronto.

CURRENT STATUS:

- On Tuesday, November 14, 2017 the three fellows took up residence at MAESD, situated within the Lifelong Learning and Essential Skills Branch of the Workforce Policy and Innovation Division offices throughout the nine-month project period.
- To learn more about the Code for Canada Fellowship, visit the Code for Canada [website](#).