

# Youth Experiences and Opportunities Within the County of Huron

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# Welcome!

- Who is Maddy Gilbert?
- What is the Co-Op Program?
- Working with the Communications Team
- Drafting a report on Youth Experiences and Opportunities Within the County of Huron



# What was my process?

- Research on Youth Statistics
- Interviews with Senior Management and other staff
- Interviews with GDCI Teachers



# Why is youth engagement so important?

- Youth are our future
- Youth deserve to have their voices heard
- This is reflected in the County's Corporate Mission statement



# What are the responsibilities of County staff?

- Actively engage youth
- Consider youth opinions and voices
- Keep the future in mind when decision making



# What are the responsibilities of youth?

- Seek out community resources
- Engage with County programs and employment opportunities
- Don't be hesitant to reach out



# My Recommendations

- Inviting local civics classes to County Council meetings
- Outreach surveys utilizing Huron County Connects
- Forming a Huron County Youth Council