

Beyond the Headlines - Elevate Plus Support

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A local program that helps people add new skills and enter or re-enter the workforce has been extended thanks to some substantial provincial support.

Bay of Quinte MPP Todd Smith yesterday announced more than one million, two hundred and 87 thousand dollars million in funding for Elevate Plus.



The program isn't new, but they are always looking for more stable funding and the ability to bring in more people because (simply put) Elevate Plus works. People who take it get new skills and get jobs right away.

The program is administered by the Quinte Economic Development Commission in partnership with Loyalist College. It offers participants four weeks of in-class training, followed by a four-week paid placement with a local business, and extensive follow-up support.

It helps people who are unemployed or underemployed and those who face barriers to employment, including people who need new skills.

Everyone wins. Local companies get trained and highly-motivated workers. People who need work get a new or better career and also support before and after they get hired.

It's also a great example of the importance of Loyalist College as a place to provide the training and to help connect with local industries.

So thanks to the province for recognizing how amazing this program is and for everyone at the QEDC and Loyalist for making it happen.

This kind of cooperation truly elevates us all.

I'm Paul Martin and that's what I see looking Beyond the Headlines.