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# news release

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## **Government of Canada helps post-secondary graduate in Rogersville gain career-related experience**

**ROGERSVILLE, NEW BRUNSWICK, August 24, 2010**—A post-secondary graduate will get the opportunity to enhance and develop her employment skills through a project sponsored by the Government of Canada. Ms. Tilly O’Neill-Gordon, Member of Parliament for Miramichi, made the announcement today on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development.

“In today’s environment, it is more important than ever that youth develop the skills they need to participate and succeed in the job market,” said Ms. O’Neill-Gordon. “Our government is proud to support projects that offer post-secondary graduates the opportunity to develop the skills and gain the experience that will help them reach their full potential.”

The Village of Rogersville will receive \$15,000 in federal Career Focus funding to hire a post-secondary graduate, in order to help this individual gain the knowledge and experience needed to make a successful transition into the labour market.

“This project allowed us to bring back to our region a young woman who had left several months before,” said Mr. Paul Lang, General Manager, Village of Rogersville. “We are very grateful to the Government of Canada for giving our youth the opportunity to improve the social and economic situation in our regions.”

The federal government is working with the provinces and territories, community organizations and other stakeholders to provide Canadians with the training, skills and opportunities they need to get jobs and contribute to their communities.

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Through the 2010 “Jobs and Growth Budget,” the Government of Canada committed an additional \$60 million to the Skills Link and Career Focus programs. This additional one-time investment will enable more young Canadians to gain the experience and skills they need to successfully participate in the labour market while the economy recovers.

Career Focus is part of the Government of Canada’s strategy to create the best educated, most skilled and most flexible workforce in the world. The Government underscored this commitment in Canada’s Economic Action Plan. A key component of the Plan is to create more and better opportunities for Canadian workers through skills development. To learn more about Canada’s Economic Action Plan, visit [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca).

The Career Focus program is delivered by Service Canada, which provides one-stop personalized services for Government of Canada programs, services and benefits. For more information about this program, visit [www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca), call 1 800 O-Canada or drop by your local Service Canada Centre.

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# backgrounder

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As part of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy, the **Career Focus** program is one of three programs that help young Canadians, particularly those facing barriers to employment, obtain career information, develop skills, gain work experience, find good jobs and stay employed. The other two programs are Summer Work Experience and Skills Link.

Career Focus links highly skilled, post-secondary youth with potential employers who can provide them with career-related work experience and help them acquire advanced employment skills to facilitate their transition into the rapidly changing labour market.