

## The National Trust for Canada On-site with Young Canada Works

For over 15 years, the National Trust for Canada, in partnership with the Department of Canadian Heritage and other delivery organizations, has administered financial contributions under the Young Canada Works (YCW) program. This summer the National Trust funded 4 internships and helped 57 employers provide employment to 70 students in the field of heritage conservation.

The YCW coordinator monitored several participating employers across the region of Southern Ontario. Here are a few snapshots of their activities:

### The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Inc. (Toronto, Ontario)

Since 1933 the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) has been involved in preserving the province's architectural and environmental heritage. The ACO is a charitable organization operating through a network of autonomous local branches, helping their communities preserve buildings and structures of heritage significance. Through the YCW program, the Toronto branch of the ACO hired Zainab Al-Rawi, a fourth-year University of Toronto student studying Art & Architecture. Zainab spent her summer in Toronto researching the heritage significance of the city's Rosedale neighborhood. She carefully researched each building and structure to determine its architectural history and heritage significance, uploading the information into the ACO

database. Through this job, Zainab obtained first-hand experience using municipal resources for research purposes and learned about the history and heritage of one of Toronto's most vibrant neighborhoods. To learn more about the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario's work, [click here](#).

### City of St. Thomas (St. Thomas, Ontario)

Situated 30 km south of London, the City of St. Thomas is located in the heart of Southwestern Ontario in beautiful Elgin County. Surrounding St. Thomas are numerous picturesque towns, lakeside villages and historic hamlets. Being located just off the 401 between Windsor and Toronto, and just south of London means plenty of visitors stop by each year to enjoy St. Thomas' historic downtown. Thanks to the YCW program, the City hired Colin Vojvodin, a first year Fanshawe College student studying urban planning, to work behind the scenes helping engage the public in the area's



history and built heritage. Colin spent his summer researching the various historic homes in the area to help establish a series of maps, both printed and online, which detail St. Thomas' heritage properties and the history behind them. Colin also worked with senior members of the City's heritage committee, which is updating bylaws to allow for the designation of another heritage conservation district. Besides gaining valuable experience in municipal government directly applicable to his future career, Colin expanded his knowledge of his city and its history. For more information about the City of St. Thomas, [click here](#).

### **Willowbank School of Restoration Arts (Queenston, Ontario)**

Willowbank is an independent educational institution (located in a National Historic Site) that is committed to a holistic ecological and sustainable approach to heritage conservation. This year Willowbank successfully hired one intern, Rebecca Morkunas, and two summer students, Amanda



Angelone and Hallie Church. As Willowbank's Heritage Restoration Program and Advancement Intern, Rebecca worked closely with the Director and Dean of Faculties on raising public awareness about the school's programs and the value of a certified education in heritage conservation to potential funding supporters. Summer students Amanda and Hallie were active both behind the scenes on conservation marketing strategies and use of social media, and in the public sphere, guiding tours of the grounds, revitalizing the gardens and working with the

local heritage conservation authorities regarding grants and bursaries. All the YCW students gained hands-on experience in their field of study while Willowbank's capacity was strengthened by the addition of three committed students. For more information about the Willowbank School of Restoration Arts [click here](#).

The National Trust accepts applications for both the YCW in Heritage Organizations program and the YCW in Building Careers in Heritage. Applications are completed online and are due by **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. To find out more about YCW and the application process, please visit [www.youngcanadaworks.gc.ca](http://www.youngcanadaworks.gc.ca) or contact our YCW coordinator:

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