The Budget Speech 2013 announced the launching of a Youth Employment Programme (YEP) as part of the Government’s 4 point Action Plan to address youth unemployment in Mauritius. The main objective of the programme is to increase the employability of unemployed youth of 16 to 30 years of age (graduates and non-graduates) by providing them with work experience and the skills required by the various sectors of the economy.

**Placement/Training at Enterprise Level**

The YEP will offer placement/training for youth in a wide range of sectors.

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in partnership with the Joint Economic Council has established a Skills Working Group (SWG), which will implement the YEP.

**Incentives for Enterprises**

The placement/training will be for a period not exceeding 12 months and SWG will meet 50% of a monthly stipend. However, the 50% contribution of SWG for the stipend will not exceed Rs 7,500 per month for graduates and Rs 4000 per month for non-graduates.

SWG will also meet 50% of training costs up to Rs 7500 per trainee.

Refund to enterprises will be effected by the HRDC.

**Contact Details**

For additional information, including registration forms for employers and youth, please visit our website or alternatively, contact the SWG Secretariat as follows:

**Skills Working Group (SWG) Secretariat**

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