Template lobbying letter: Young Canada Works program

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Hon. (insert local MP)

(Address)

(city and province)

(postal code)

Dear. Mr./Mrs./Ms./Mx. (insert MP’s First name Last name),

My name is (insert name here) and I am a constituent in your district at (insert postal code). I am writing this letter to voice my concern with the Young Canada Works (YCW) employment program. As a supporter of the cultural and heritage industry, I recognize the important role the YCW program plays in allowing emerging cultural and heritage professionals to gain paid experience in the sector, honing skills which allow cultural institutions to continue sharing the stories of the Canadian experience.

Unfortunately, YCW as a program does not reflect the realities of modern post-secondary education. The program’s current terms of eligibility limit candidacy to those between the ages of 16 and 30. These terms are a major issue as they:

* Fail to acknowledge the time required for specialized studies.
* Disproportionately discriminates against people with disabilities, people from lower socioeconomic groups, as well as Indigenous Peoples and People of Colour.
* Contribute to less diversity, resilience and inclusion within the industries which rely on YCW funding.

(This is also a good time to share personal stories or information, feel free to share the [letter addressed to the Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth](https://www.cac-accr.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/cac-accr_letter-to-minister-of-inclusion-and-diversity-and-youth_february-2021.pdf).)

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns, and I look forward to receiving a response from you on this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

(Your name)

(City, Province)

(Phone Number)

(Email)