

# What is Available to You Now?

Two great ways that you can explore career choices are:

a) **Taking on a part-time job.** or...



b) **Volunteering in a way that interests you**

These options are not always practical or beneficial for everyone...*but they certainly can be!*...So let's have a look.



Here are some possible **advantages** of working part-time (or volunteering):

- Obtain valuable work experiences.
- Builds resume.
- Learn how to effectively manage finances. Earning money and using money.
- Introduces you to types of work you can decide to peruse or exclude.
- Networking possibilities – meeting new people.
- Provide constructive use of free time.
- Learn time management skills.
- Form good work habits.
- Gain useful, marketable skills such as improving their communication, learning how to handle people, developing interview skills and filling out job applications.
- Instill new confidence, sense of responsibility and independence.



Some possible **disadvantages**:

- Less time for school work.
- Less time of school involvement (sports clubs, extra-curricular).
- Possibly added stress (more responsibility, commitment, managing relationships)
- Managing Adult workplace expectations, demands, social norms.



Make sure you have read the advantages and disadvantages above and then answer the following questions on the following page

**You currently have a part time job or volunteer (outside school)?**

What is your job or volunteer position?

How often do you work or volunteer?

Do you like what you do why or why not?

Regardless of if you like your work, do you think your work beneficial to **you** in any way other than the money (describe why or why not).

How often do you work?

Does work ever get in the way of school or school activities? Explain.

Would you ever consider working in a field that was related to what you do now? Why or why not?

**You have not worked (or volunteered) outside school.**

Do you think that you would ever want to volunteer or work outside school? Why or why not?

What type of job or volunteer position in Whistler might you pick if you were forced to work?

If you would like to work in the near future, name some of the steps you need to do to get a position. If you would not like to work or volunteer in the near future, name some of the activities outside school that you plan participate in that will help learn and grow as an individual.

# Job Search!

As you may know, Whistler is the land of opportunity for young workers! With high housing cost and a limited workforce, there are tons of opportunities to work or volunteer in our community.

The following activity is designed to get you to see all the amazing opportunities available in our amazing community.

Use the copy of the Pique, the Pique classifieds online, and/or craigslist online and scan the Jobs advertised for cool jobs.

1. List at least 3 awesome positions that you would be willing to do (regardless of your experience or qualification).
2. Find the best job or volunteer position that available **that you think you might be qualified for** or **might be able to get qualifications for in the next year.**
3. What are the steps needed to get this position?
4. What is it about the position that you like?
5. What are the biggest challenges you might have getting the position?

6. Explain why you think this position might help you develop and/or grow as an individual.

7. Does this position in anyway relate to any of your the goals that you have for after high school?