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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2010 - 8PM

57 Adelaide St. East

Regular Admission: \$35

VIP Ticket: \$75



Whether you make seven dollars an hour or seven figures a year – every job comes with a compelling story. The Spotlight Project presents a night full of captivating stories about work told by interesting folks from all different careers and walks of life.

The Spotlight Project is inviting you to contribute to our night of entertaining tales about odd jobs, nightmare bosses, going beyond the call of duty, unexpected career turns and other stories about life on the job. At the end of the evening, vote for your favourite storyteller so they can be crowned the Grand StorySlam Champion!

WHAT IS A StorySlam?

A story slam is an exciting storytelling competition where participants have five to seven minutes to tell their greatest story in front of a live audience. Stories can be funny, inspiring, tragic or even just plain silly. No matter what, the story has to be true and good enough to win over the audience's vote!

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The Night's Beneficiary: Youth Employment Services YES!



The theme of the night pays homage to YES's 40 years of exceptional service in helping youth find a job, pursue a career, start their own business or go back to school. The Spotlight Project invites you to help youth work by sharing your story. It's fun, it's easy and it's for a great cause!

Youth Employment Services YES is Canada's very first youth employment organization. Founded by The Rotary Club of Toronto in 1968, with a rich history spanning 40 years, YES has become the established model for other sector agencies across the country.

Internationally recognized as a Centre of Excellence in Youth Employment, YES leads the sector by providing programs designed to address the most critical issues facing today's youth. Modeled on the three themes of Employment, Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, YES helps young people to rebuild their lives and believe in a future filled with hope and opportunity.

WHY YES NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Since the onset of the economic crisis, the number of youth at YES's centres and workshops has doubled. To protect Toronto's most vulnerable youth during this recession, YES created the YESinDEED Fund. Acting as a safety net, this emergency fund ensures that when youth are hungry, YES is ready; when transportation is unaffordable, YES is prepared; and when youth are giving up, YES is setting them back on their feet. Proceeds from "All in a Day's Work" go directly towards the YESinDEED Fund – supporting and enhancing support YES programs and services that address the most immediate and critical needs of our clients. Some of these programs and services include:

- Meals for Youth
- Transportation Allowance
- Job-Appropriate Clothing
- Community Safety Projects

Providing jobs for disadvantaged youth is about much more than putting a few dollars in their pocket. It is about giving young people hope for their own future. Many YES clients are not afforded the same opportunities, community or education that would promote their seamless participation in the labour market and society. With your support, YES is able to continue to provide new and improved services to our clients. An investment in YES will reap enormous dividends for the health and safety of our communities for years to come.

WE WANT YOUR STORY!

All in a Day's Work needs compelling stories from compelling people. That's why we're after your story.

We're looking for stories that will make people laugh, stories that will make people cry, inspirational stories and haunting stories... but most of all, we want ten stories that will move and entertain.

The Spotlight Project is inviting you to be one of ten captivating speakers at our StorySlam Fundraiser for YES. We've chosen you because we think your work and life history will produce a tale that will help us achieve our vision of a diverse and entertaining roster of stories.

To participate, we ask that you prepare a five to seven minute story about life on the job. The content of the story can be anything from your very first job to the career choice that changed your life to work orders that pushed you beyond the call of duty. The story can be dramatic, funny, inspirational or just plain fun! All that matters is that it's true and compelling story from your life.

ALL IT TAKES IS TEN MINUTES TO CHANGE LIVES..

Your story will help us raise awareness about our nation's youth unemployment crisis - a crisis reflected a youth unemployment rate nearly double that of the national average. We hope you consider joining The Spotlight Project by donating your time and creativity to Youth Employment Services and their mission to employ and empower disadvantaged youth.

If you have any questions about All in a Day's Work or wish to confirm your participation as a storyteller, please contact Gabrielle Zilkha or Jenn Mason at 416-857-4227 or thespotlightproject@gmail.com.

To find out more about YES and the amazing work they do for underprivileged youth, please visit www.yes.on.ca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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