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## Youth Employment Fund launched to help create jobs

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*Real Food Connections owner Levi Lawrence is shown with Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour Minister Francine Landry in Fredericton on March 18. The minister officially opened the application process for the Youth Employment Fund that will help 1,500 young New Brunswickers obtain work experience and training annually.*

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provincial Youth Employment Fund. The fund that was announced March 18 will help 1,500 young people obtain work experience and training annually.

The program will offer unemployed youth aged 18-29 with an opportunity for a six-month placement with an employer that includes workplace experience and employment with the option of up to two months of training within the placement.

Employment counselors will help match young workers with employers and training opportunities. While the placements will be subsidized by the province employers may provide a top-up. In addition, up to \$1,000 will be available for participants to cover costs associated with the job placement such as training, tools, special clothing or equipment.

Applications from eligible young people, and from employers interested in providing a work placement, are available. Placements will begin in April.