# Launch

Skills Training & Technology Centre

## **Executive Director Rebecca Broderick**

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#### What is Launch Pad

Launch Pad is an innovative facility for youth and young adults (ages 12 - 29 years) located in Hanover that equips young people from across the region with the skills they will require for future employment opportunities.

Through strong community partnerships, we lead a team of experienced instructors and volunteers who help our young people succeed.

We're proud to be home to an industrial commercial kitchen facility, a welding shop, wood shop, and Mac learning lab.











#### Mission, Vision, & Values

Mission: As a community hub we create opportunities for young people to explore their curiosity, discover their interests, and enhance their skills through training programs and partnerships.

Vision: Ensure that all youth and young adults can discover and develop their strengths, skills and passions to prepare for their future.

Values: Quality. Innovation. Empowerment. Inclusivity.



#### Why Launch Pad?





#### Launch Pad by the numbers

Program Start Date	Total # of Rentals	Total # of Programs	# of Youth Programs	# of Youth	# of Adult Programs
January	18	4	3	35	1
February	14	14	12	131	2
March	20	17	17	82	0

Between January 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024 Launch Pad has welcomed 248 youth through a variety of different programs.



#### **Youth Programs**

Launch Pad strives for a robust variety of youth programs. Youth participants develop skills to help them succeed in life while gaining self confidence. From leadership to trades, participants come out with lifelong skills.











### Field Trips







#### **Adult Programs**



Starting in 2023, Launch Pad has been offering adult lieser and skills training programs. In Partnership with HIPP (Hanover Innovative People Project) Apprentice, Working at Heights has been run 4 times in 2024.

Women in Construction brought 8 women who spent a Saturday in the woodshop learning to use the equipment. The woodshop hosted a 5 week woodworking program where participants benefited from the skills and knowledge of a Red Seal Carpenter.







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On Monday and Wednesday evenings, Ironworkers Union Local 736 runs classes for their members. Each month 30-40 union members come to Launch Pad to train in the welding booths.

This partnership allows the members in our community to have the opportunity to train for their certification without having to travel to their Union Hall in Ancaster.



LiUNA 1059 (Labourers' International Union of North America) came to Launch Pad for two Pre-Apprenticeship training programs. All the attendees passed their training and have become part of their union.

7 additional local residents have come to Launch Pad to connect with LiUNA to learn about the Pre-Apprenticeship program







The Town of Hanover supports Launch Pad financially, and through staff time and expertise. They have provided opportunities to cater their events, and host committee meetings.

Launch Pad has been able to leverage these opportunities to support youth. Many of the desserts have been made by and decorated by youth culinary participants.





















#### **Looking Forward to Summer and Fall**









# Invitation to Launch Pad's Annual General Meeting



We welcome you all to join us on June 24 for Launch Pad's Annual General Meeting

Doors will open at 6:30 pm, with the formal program starting at 7:30 pm

Please register at mylaunchpad.ca if you plan to attend.

