

# How To Make Newfoundland and Labrador a Province of Choice for Youth



The summer of 2008 saw the development of the Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy to counter youth out-migration from Newfoundland and Labrador, to strengthen the labor market and to support the economic development of the province.

Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN) designed and conducted a project for youth aged 18-30. They discussed how to encourage young people to stay, live, and work in Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as how to attract new comers and those who have already left.

Here is what they had to say:

1. Provide access to high quality and affordable education.
2. Create lots of good quality jobs that pay a comfortable wage.
3. Foster economic development that is sustainable and environmentally friendly.
4. Provide access to a range of services including health care, transportation, recreation and social services.
5. Make the transition between school and work easier.
6. Protect the environment for both enjoyment and for tourism.
7. Improve the quality of environmentally sustainable services like waste and recycling pick-up.
8. Support and celebrate the rural lifestyle including a strong community, safety and access to the outdoors.
9. Support and celebrate the urban lifestyle including entertainment, culture and diversity.

Are these values similar to what you want to see in your own community? What would you add? What would you take away? Want to learn more about the values of youth in Newfoundland and Labrador?

If you want to read more check out: <http://www.cprn.org/doc.cfm?doc=2082&l=en>

