Thoughts on working with cooperative education programs?

UManitoba: Ideas that work

Practicums: go into schools to help organize recreation after school.

Career service centre: Mock interviews/ interview prepe. Resume workshops, etc.

Student hired as a career transition coordinator to support students.

Students can work with profs as TA's and build relationships and references for future jobs.

Coop and practicums lead to success for all students.

Starting coop programs is challenging with Covid

Advocate for the student, be creative with approches

Support from the program Chair is important, but be sure to let the student make their own goals and support them in that.

Themes

- Coop programs are useful for all students for networking, skillbuilding, and goalsetting.

- Advocate for student's own goals and be creative in acheiving them.

- Engage students as much as possible, by being TA's student clubs, coop, etc.

- Partner with local orgs/busi

How do you build community connections for employment?

Look at youth groups that exist on campus that offer opportunities to students. Another opportunity to get involved based on interests.

BC: find an org or a business that has a connection to the school and wants to create such opportunities. This opens conversations for further opportunities.

BC: Connecting with coop coordinators helped find opportunities, but student found their own position in this case.

Students groups: Religious, LGBTQ2S+, Video games, Political groups, snowboarding, etc.

spirit week, student union building is hangout spot.

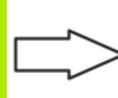**volunteering at polling booths, food banks, clothing drives.**

guest speakers bring people out to engage

Experiences facilitating longlasting relationships/ friendships?

Stay connected through zoom or facetime?

It's hard, but common interests are important.

VIRTUAL student events to build community (disney trivia, etc.)

These events can build connections during Covid