

# MOBILIZING COMMUNITY FOR YOUTH: COMMUNITY YOUTH STRATEGY

*Hosted by the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Youth Association*

**Tuesday, October 25th, 2011, 6:30p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, October 26th, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**Marconi Club, 450 Albert St. West**

*In response to over 500 of Sault Ste. Marie's young people, the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Youth Association have organized Mobilizing Community for Youth to address 4 critical concerns as identified by the youth.*

**Please select the strategic planning workshop in which you would like to participate.**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health**

Young people participating in focus groups and interviews clearly identified substance abuse as a problem. Greater community effort is required to address substance abuse and access to harm reduction programs among youth in our community. Interwoven with this issue is the need to enhance mental health services for young people.

**Sustainable Housing for Youth**

Poverty is a youth issue. Youth in our community experience higher than average poverty levels, including challenges in obtaining safe and affordable housing. Poverty affects young people's ability to acquire an education, make healthy choices, and participate in our community in a positive way.

**Youth Hubs**

Young people continue to identify the need for places that are supportive, substance free and inclusive for all. Youth hubs are a model of delivering services and programs for youth that encourage the development of capacity, creativity, innovation and social networks. Youth have clearly expressed they are not interested in a place to 'just hang out'.

**Economic Well Being**

Northern Ontario's youth experience lower educational attainment levels, higher unemployment levels and higher poverty levels than their southern counter-parts. A vibrant, prosperous community is possible for Sault Ste. Marie if we meet our challenges head-on, and focus on ways to work together and use our existing resources to respond to youth issues today.

Name:

Position (if applicable):

Organization (if applicable):

Email:

Phone:

Dietary Requirements/Allergies:

*Registration is free or by donation.*

**Suggested donation per person:**

- \$25
- \$50
- \$75
- \$100
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email your completed form to:**  
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**or**

**Mail to:**

**Sault Youth Association, PO box 60, 443  
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