

## **2017 Rotary Career Symposium**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 & THURSDAY, MARCH 16 - 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**3RD FLOOR RBC Convention Centre**

*Students can join Manitoba Civil Service professionals and Manitoba Sector Council professionals for round table chit chats about their careers. Students can chat one on one, or in a group to find out what's new and exciting in a variety of career settings.*

*This setting allows students to learn directly from people about their career paths and specific information about jobs in Manitoba.*

*This initiative provides an opportunity for a more personal approach and an opportunity to ask specific questions about careers of interest and receive relevant answers.*

Not your normal career day lectures, Career Chats, are a series of mini roundtable discussions that are meant to be free flowing conversations between the speakers and the student.

Most careers are not created through a straight educational or employment pathway and may not be part of the main stream careers that students think about when preparing for a life after graduation. For example, would one think of being a Sherriff or do they even know the job exists, even though it is highly valuable career, within our legal system? What are the educational requirements to be a Coordinator of Health and Safety? These are not usually career opportunities that are discussed as career development options.

Career Chats opens up these discussions for students as they will have the opportunity to learn about these careers along with over 25 (including Civil Service employees) others that are highly viable and important to our everyday life. Informal but informative short table talk sessions allow students to sit and listen to the interaction with others or participate themselves by engaging with the speaker.

Below we have provided a few questions students may wish to use to help create conversations with the Career Chat speaker.

1. How did you come to be in this career?
2. Did you know about this career sector before you applied for the job? Would you have been open to explore this career earlier if you had known about?
3. How did you apply for this job?
4. Do you require ongoing training for what you do?
5. How do you deal with the stressful parts of your job?
6. How many hours a week do you work?
7. What is the pay range for your career?
8. Is there a professional networking group you can belong to and/or is there an accreditation for this career?
9. What do you know now, that you wish you would have known when you graduated from high school?