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### Canadian Working Holidays Create Opportunities for Young Aussies

As the temperature drops and the snow starts to fall on the Australian slopes, many people start to think of having an endless winter by spending a season over in Canada.

Each year, non-profit work and travel organisation International Exchange Programs (IEP) brings representatives from Canada's leading winter employers Down Under to hire Aussies for their upcoming season, giving young adventure-minded people the opportunity to live and work in one of the most popular winter destinations in the world.

But other than the obvious experience of living and working in a different country, a working holiday in Canada can also prove a unique advantage to any CV and can open up new career opportunities for participants when they return home. Having international experience shows that young people are willing to take on a challenge, step outside their comfort zone and immerse themselves in another culture, making them an adaptable and highly sought after employee.

Recently returned from working and travelling in Canada, Melbourne's Chantelle Salvo found re-entering the local job market was anything but difficult, securing a great job with the same organisation that assisted her to head overseas in 2009.

Ms Salvo spent eighteen months in Canada, initially for a winter season in small-town Manitoba before heading to the popular resort destination of Banff for the Canadian summer.

*"I took part in IEP's Work & Ski Canada Job Fair program in 2009, which allowed me to secure employment in the Rentals department at Asessippi Ski Area & Resort for the ski season, which was great fun," Ms Salvo explains. "After my time at the resort I moved to Banff and gained employment with the Banff Lodging Company, where I spent several months before returning to Australia."*

Ms Salvo recently joined the IEP team as Work Canada Program Coordinator and attributes her working holiday for giving her the experience and attitude to succeed in any role.

*"I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Canada and although it was a big step to move to a country where I didn't know anyone, the experience was something I would recommend to everyone," Ms Salvo continues. "Working with IEP, I now have the opportunity to help other young Aussies head over to Canada and I really look forward to sharing my experiences with them."*

IEP's *Work & Ski Canada Job Fair* program is available to Australian's aged between 18 and 30 who are eligible for the Canadian Working Holiday Visa. The program is designed to take the hassle out of organising a Canadian working holiday by giving participants the chance to line up their job, housing and season benefits without having to leave Australia.



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This year will see both Asessippi Ski Area & Resort and The Banff Lodging Company attending, along with Sunshine Village, Panorama Mountain Village, The Banff Centre, Marmot Basin and Grouse Mountain. All employers will be heading to Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, with the fairs kicking off on 29 July.

Applications are still open and interviews are available with all resorts. Additionally, for the first time in 2011, IEP will be offering a job guarantee to all applicants.

Interested people are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

For further information or to apply, head to [www.iep.org.au](http://www.iep.org.au) or contact IEP at [info@iep.org.au](mailto:info@iep.org.au) or on 03 9329 3866.

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