

# Teens in Ontario can now apply for new Vision Zero Youth Network Program.

*The Vision Zero Youth Network (VZYN) by Teens Learn to Drive Inc. allows teens in Ontario ages 15-19 to gain experience and help make their communities safe.*

ONTARIO, CANADA, May 13, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Non-profit organization, [Teens Learn to Drive Inc.](#) (TL2D) is inviting media partners for the launch of its new leadership program for Ontario high school students called the [Vision Zero Youth Network](#) (VZYN).

In Ontario's worst case scenario, a 16-year old could:

- Pass the G1 written test after taking 10 to 12 practice tests online. (This test concentrates on sign recognition of the rules of the road, and both are largely forgotten afterwards.)
- Drive back and forth to the grocery store for a year while parents are unaware of what their child is doing on the road.
- Practice the route of a road test a few times before taking the actual assessment – (perhaps in a much less busy region than where they live).

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We can't ignore driver education and achieve Vision Zero.”

*Anne Marie Hayes, President of TL2D*

NOTE: During this time, the parent cannot let them drive on 400-series highways.

- On their 17th birthday, pass the 17-minute road test.
- Then pile their friends into the car and head out on the 401 – North America's busiest road – while driving at high speeds alongside other cars, trucks, motorcycles and emergency vehicles.

If that sounds far-fetched, 62% of new drivers in Ontario do not take formal driver education

# VISION ZERO YOUTH NETWORK



## NO MORE DEATHS ON THE ROAD

Vision Zero Youth Network

(2019, MTO data). Instead, they learn from friends and family members who may have bad habits or outdated information.

Vision Zero is an idea that was developed in Sweden during the late 1990s. It aims to eliminate deaths on roads by using systems and infrastructure to lessen the damage when drivers make mistakes. Sweden also strengthened their mandatory driver education system to create safer drivers at the outset, thereby reducing the volume of serious driver errors in the first place. Compared to Sweden, most Ontario drivers start with a serious education gap about winter driving, space management, blind zones, scanning skills and behaviours that affect driving.

The VZYN will help to fill in that gap of driver education by empowering young people to work with police and other partners to create and share road safety messages about topics that concern their region.



This volunteer position is free to Ontario high school students and includes numerous benefits. Selected Ambassadors will earn their 40 Community Service hours, a \$500 scholarship, and an expense-paid trip to the VZYN conference in Toronto. In addition, they will also strengthen their skills, portfolios, resumes and networks.

DATE: Wednesday, May 19


Time: 1pm

Location: Via ZOOM

Hosted by: John Derringer of Q107



VISION ZERO  
YOUTH NETWORK



LEAD CHANGE  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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Deadlines close soon!

If you are a teen or happen to know a teen between the ages of 15 to 19, who has strong leadership qualities, or is looking to break out of their shell in order to gain experience for their resumes and/or portfolios before going off to university or college, this program is an excellent way to do so.

Ambassadors will collaborate with partners to discuss what should be improved when it comes to road safety. You will then be responsible for creating videos and other various social media posts containing factual and educational information that will be seen by your friends, family, and the general public. Additionally, you will also be in charge of organizing events at your school, such as the Sweet Life Road Show.

All you need to become an ambassador for the VZYN is to simply have access to both a computer and the internet. You will instantly be connected to all the materials for training, as well as a team of mentors that will help guide you every step of the way. Additionally, you must be able to commit to 5 hours per month to meet with the team via Zoom throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

If you are interested in becoming an ambassador for the VZYN program, fill out the application on the official TL2D website by June 1st, 2021 at 11:59 PM.

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