

Our Vision For The Future:

“The Digby Area is a place where youth belong and are valued. Youth have the opportunity to lead and participate meaningfully within this growing community in employment, leadership and decision-making roles.”

The Need for Change

	One third of residents (15 +) do not have a high school certificate, diploma or degree; youth are concerned about being prepared for life after high school
	Two-thirds (66%) of youth and young adults (15-29) are worried about limited options for suitable employment in the area
	Almost half (45%) of youth and young adults find the area lacks activities for youth, and safe, youth-friendly spaces
	Both youth and service providers find the area lacks youth-friendly services and supports in areas such as mental health, shelter, and food security



Research and Analysis

- Youth Voices - Community Survey: 229 youth under 30
- Census Data for the Digby area
- Lunch and Learn Report and Feedback
- Youth Connection Team input
- Group Discussions with High School students



In Collaboration with

Digby SchoolsPlus, Nova Scotia Works, Rural Truth Matters, NSCC Digby Learning Centre, Digby Area Recreation Commission, Department of Community Services, Tri-County Regional Centre for Education, and youth and young adults from the Digby Area.

Education

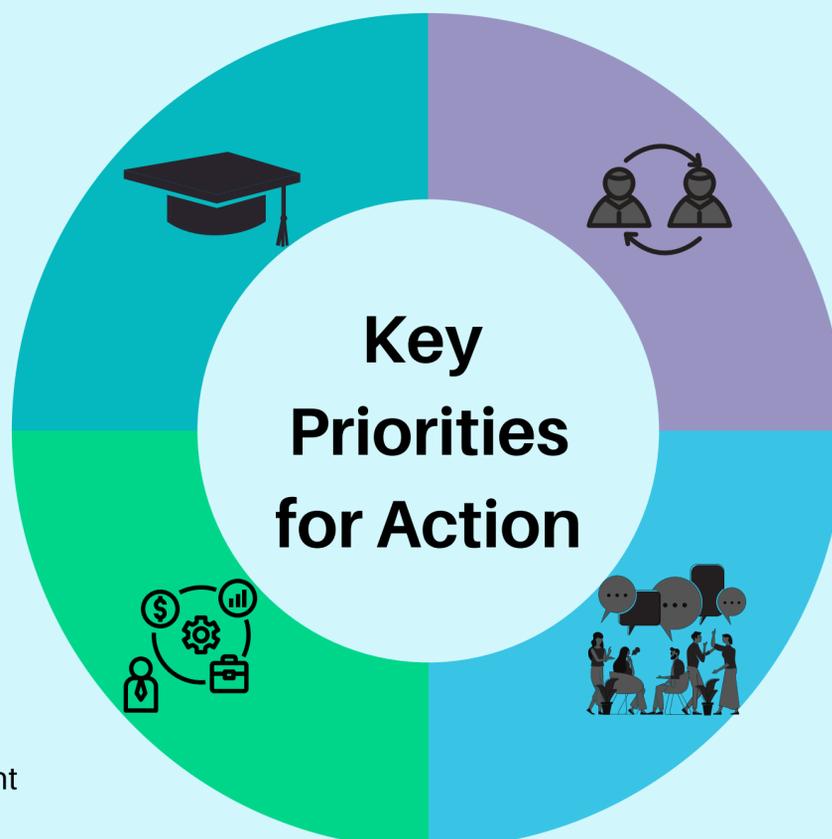
Improve the overall level of education and preparation for future employment or further education

- Increase the high school graduation rates
- Help young people feel more prepared for life after high school (i.e. employment and financial readiness)
- Increase awareness of and create opportunities for alternative ways of learning

Employment

Improve employment options by creating education and training opportunities

- Increase awareness of employment options (existing and potential) in the area
- Create supports to enable youth to become viable entrepreneurs and innovators



Supports and Services

Work with service providers to make services and supports more youth friendly

- Increase awareness of services and how to access services
- Identify and address factors that make it challenging for youth to access needed services

Activities and Spaces

Improve access to youth-friendly spaces in the area

- Increase activities and spaces for youth; increase awareness of activities for youth
- Reduce barriers (i.e. transportation) to accessing youth activities and spaces

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