

# SHAKEN & STIRRED

## LEARN MIXOLOGY AT THE FINE ART BARTENDING SCHOOL

Celebrating its 38th year in business, Fine Art Bartending is expanding to a new location in the trendy Osborne Village.

Todd Koch, Fine Art president is excited about the expansion. "This new location is built to replicate an actual lounge and has all of the equipment and functionality of a real working bar." This is now the flagship location of Fine Art's 9 Schools across Canada.

A number of businesses are now requesting that even their servers, as well as bartenders, attend the Fine Art training course.

"We have a classroom area where I do lectures and people take notes, and then we have a 22-foot bar that's broken into five individual sections," explains mixology instructor Evan Maltman. "Behind the bar is where they learn all the techniques. It's very hands-on."

Students learn how to make popular and



FINE ART BARTENDING PHOTO

classic cocktails, as well as an extensive knowledge of wine and beer. The students spend most of the time behind the bars. This hands-on approach to training gives students the confidence they need to work in bars, nightclubs, hotels, etc.

"I try to simulate a real working environment where the students learn and have fun at the same time," explains Maltman.

One recent graduate said, "I attended one of your schools in 2008, now I'm a flair bartender in Disco Imagine Punta Cana Dominican Republic."

For more information, see [fineart.ca](http://fineart.ca) or call 783-3322 for more details.

# BOOSTING LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM HELPS YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

Reaching E-Quality Employment Services is now accepting applications for its upcoming Youth Employment Project, which will begin Nov. 7.

The Youth Employment Project (YEP) offers a 12-week Employability Skills Program for youth between 17-29 years of age, who are living with a physical disability or health condition.

The YEP works to increase employability skills and assist with the transition into employment by providing free life skills, pre-employment skills, computer skills and job search support to youth with physical disabilities or health conditions. The program offers participants a supportive environment during both the in-class component and the job search component.

Scott Best attended the program during the summer of 2010.

"The YEP program taught me a lot of wonderful things, like interview skills, resumé writing and how to communicate to my employers what accommodations I'll need in the workplace. It also made me a little more confident about my abilities as opposed to my disability, which is always a good thing."

Reaching E-Quality Employment Services (REES) is an established, community-

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

The project offers:

- A network of employer contacts and job search support.
- Life skills and pre-employment preparation (five weeks).
- Basic computer skills (nine weeks — afternoons).
- Resumé and cover letter development (two weeks).
- Job search and interview skills training (two weeks).
- On-the-job training and support (up to three months).
- Advice on how to talk about your disability and any required job accommodations.
- Disability awareness training for employers.
- Living expense stipend for those not receiving social assistance.

based employment service with a consistent track record of assisting people with physical disabilities or health conditions to gain employment, since 1989.

Details and information about the program can be found at [re-es.org](http://re-es.org).