



**Media Advisory**  
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## **YWCA OF CALGARY CANADIAN EMPLOYMENT SKILLS GRADUATION OPENS DOORS**

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On April 4, 2014, 21 graduates of the YWCA Canadian Employment Skills (CES) program will be embarking on the next phase of their Canadian experience. The CES program works with new Canadians that have professional backgrounds, experience and strong language skills but have been unable to find employment in their fields of expertise.

YWCA Chief Executive Officer, Sue Tomney, will emcee the event as well as assist with the presentation of graduation certificates. Following this, five CES graduates will share their amazing stories of finding appropriate employment and integration in their new country and how the program helped change their lives.

“Immigrating to Canada and restarting my life from zero was not an easy task,” said Mylene Marcano, CES graduate. “After sending more than three hundred resumes with no success, my confidence and my self-esteem were very low. The CES program has helped me recover my hope and direction. Through the training and the work experience the program provided, I believe that I have the resources I need to get back into my profession.”

### **Details:**

**Date:** Friday, April 4, 2014  
**Time:** 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Location:** YWCA of Calgary, downtown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Studio C  
320 5 Ave SE

**Speakers:** Sue Tomney, Chief Executive Officer, YWCA of Calgary  
Evelyn Tait, Alberta Human Services  
YWCA CES Graduates

### **About the YWCA of Calgary:**

The YWCA of Calgary provides emergency shelter, housing, counselling and skills to women who are struggling with poverty, homelessness, family violence and social exclusion. For more than 103 years, the YWCA has adapted to the changing needs of women in Calgary. Serving more than 8,900 clients in 2013, across a continuum of more than 30 programs and services, the YWCA empowers women and their families to move from a place of vulnerability to one of hope and resilience. For more information, visit [ywcaofcalgary.com](http://ywcaofcalgary.com).

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