

One Week Job.

Business grad on nationwide job search...one week at a time.

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In an attempt to find his passion, Sean Aiken, 25, has created a website that allows any individual or company from across Canada to make him a job offer for one week. He is continuing to fulfill jobs one week at a time throughout the country while recording his experiences with blog entries and short video clips posted to his One Week Job website: www.oneweekjob.com

Sean's nationwide job search to find the work he loves and build the life he wants brought him to Edmonton working as a Florist with Best Buds Flower Company, and as a Yoga Instructor with Lotus Soul Gym Yoga. Up to this point, Sean has worked with a bungee jumping company, as a columnist, a snowshoe guide, volleyball coach, an intern for a daily television talk show, a dairy farmer, events team member, and marketer.

“After graduating from College with a Business Administration Degree, I made a commitment to myself to not settle for a career that I was not passionate about.”

Not realizing where these passions lie, Sean came up with the idea for One Week Job. “I am hoping to try out a diverse range of jobs in hopes of learning something new from each experience and gain a better understanding of what I need in a work place situation to be happy.”

Robert Manolson, Certified Career Development Professional, and facilitator of Workplace Fun & Wellness Workshops has been in contact with Sean for several months now. “Sean has been so receptive and open to letting me to do whatever I can to kick-start his journey here in Edmonton by connecting him to the "right" people. His creative, "throw away the box" approach to finding the work he loves and building the life he wants captured my attention. As a Career Counsellor who has worked extensively with youth, I can confidently say that Sean is inspiring his generation to follow their heart and do everything in their power to make their dreams come true.” You can contact Robert at robert@powerfulplay.ca

All proceeds that a company or individual is willing to pay Sean for his week of work will be donated to the Make Poverty History campaign, dedicated to tackling the issue of child poverty in Canada.

In order to help fund Sean's travels he is accepting personal donations from individuals and in return is posting their name along with a link to their website or blog.

Sean's journey brings into light a new trend we are seeing with his generation entering the workforce. "I think that many young people in my generation have seen our parents stuck in the same job they were not necessarily happy with for far too long," says Sean. "My generation is realizing the value of making a career choice that not only suits our skill set, but at the same time matches our personality, values, our passions and provides for work/life balance."

Robert adds that "Believe it or not, there's a wonderful world of life experiences that today's youth want to engage in whether it's in the world of work or outside work. Employers in Edmonton and in Alberta need to recognize that the Millennials or Gen Y who are presently entering the workforce bring a much different perspective to work that is not like our own. Youth are one of the largest pool of workers to draw from. Those employers who make the necessary adjustments to understand and accommodate Edmonton's youth will be successfully positioning their business in today's tight labour market."

Visit www.oneweekjob.com to find out where Sean is working this week, what he is learning on his journey, or to offer Sean a 'One Week Job' yourself!