A great online tool is just a click away for teens who are not sure where or how to start the important process of career/life planning.

The Peel board has a virtual guidance and career education centre to encourage students to think about their future. In developing the site, guidance counsellors identified the best materials and resources that should be readily available to middle and high school students and their parents, so they can start exploring their opportunities and mapping out their plans.

Special presentations for grades 7 and 8 students get them started by exploring their answers to four central questions:

- Who am I?
- What are my opportunities?
- Who do I want to become?
- What are my plans to achieve my goals?

Videos of Peel grads telling their own stories illustrate the various pathways for teens to consider. The video profiles include students who have gone on to achieve success in the arts, business, health/sciences, information technology, social services and skilled trades through apprenticeship training, college, university and the workplace.

The website features:

- Examples of hundreds of occupations, linked to descriptions of the post-secondary training required for the careers.
- Information about jobs of the future and trends in the labour market.
- Links to online resources to help teens identify potential careers, based on personality and interests.
- Tips for parents about how to help their teen improve academic skills.
Teens are encouraged to check out the website and then talk to their guidance counsellor and teachers to discuss their individual plans.

The website is part of the *Making my way* —success for all students initiative—the Peel board’s commitment to increasing the graduation rate and to providing students and their parents with resources to achieve their goals.

Students and parents can subscribe to the *Making my way* Facebook page or Twitter account which includes:

- Alerts for important deadlines and submissions
- Individualized career planning
- Personalized information about post-secondary education and career opportunities

[www.makingmyway.ca](http://www.makingmyway.ca)