

2019 FESTIVALS & EVENTS STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Provincial association recognizes festival and events student leader

ONTARIO (February 28th, 2019) **Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO)** is proud to announce the 2019 Student Leadership Award. This award recognizes a student with exceptional potential, passion and dedication who engages in activity with the aim of bringing communities together for the purpose of celebration. Festivals & Events Ontario believes students pursuing a career in event management will have a tremendous impact on the growth and future of this budding sector.

The Student Leadership Award is designed to recognize students' efforts and accomplishments within the scope of festivals and events sector. The successful recipient of the Student Leadership Award for 2019 received a \$500 bursary during the FEO annual conference "ENGAGE-Motivate-Initiate-Participate" in London, Ontario.

FEO would like to congratulate the following 2019 Student Leadership Award winner:

Leah Letford – Student (Niagara College, Event Management Post Graduate Certificate), Niagara-on-the-Lake

"ENGAGE-Motivate-Initiate-Participate" 2019 Festivals & Events Ontario Conference held in London, Ontario.

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About Festivals & Events Ontario

Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) was established in 1987 as an association devoted to the growth and stability of the festival and event industry in Ontario. FEO supports a lively, engaged and dedicated festival and events industry by sharing knowledge, enabling networking and providing leadership on education, advocacy and promotion. FEO operates Canada's largest dedicated festival and event Conference, publishes and distributes an annual consumer guide, promotes its industry festival supplier goods and services and oversees an industry-leading awards recognition program. The festivals and events industry in Ontario is estimated to generate in excess of \$2.3 billion annually in contribution to regional GDP, create/sustain approximately 50,000 full-year-equivalent jobs and foster approximately \$1 billion dollars in taxes at all levels of government. Visit www.FestivalsandEventsOntario.ca for more information.