



Skills Ontario hosts Trades & Tech Day for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students in Sault Ste. Marie

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Sault Ste. Marie - Skills Ontario will be hosting a Trades & Tech Day at Sault College on February 12, 2019. This event is an opportunity for Indigenous youth to meet and network with community members who have chosen a career in the skilled trades and technologies. Youth explore their interests and career options through hands-on activities.

This event is sponsored by the Government of Ontario, Union Gas, Sault College, and Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council. Trades & Tech Days are where Skills Ontario brings career-focused information on skilled trades and technologies and encourages Indigenous youth to consider the 156+ skilled trades and technologies when planning for the future. Mentors discuss their journeys in their career paths, and Indigenous youth get the opportunity to ask questions and learn about opportunities.

"Skills Ontario First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Initiatives aims to continue increasing the involvement of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit youth, and to spark their interest in skilled trades and technology professions," says Myles Linklater, Program Lead for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Initiatives at Skills Ontario. "As more youth consider viable career options for themselves, they are able to contribute to economic and social wellbeing not only within their communities, but also for the broader province of Ontario."

"I learned to follow your dreams and that the skilled trades can be rewarding."

- Student attendee about their experience at a Mentoring Event

"I really like how everything is tailored to suit the needs of our youth."

- Community leader about their thoughts on Skills Ontario First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Initiatives

About Skills Ontario – Promoting skilled trades and technologies in Ontario since 1989

Over the last 30 years, Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs including in-school presentations reaching 125,000 students across Ontario, career exploration summer camps, Young Women's and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Career Exploration Conferences, and hosting Canada's largest skills competition which annually attracts 35,000+ spectators who cheerlead the 2,400+ competitors in 68+ trades and tech categories.