

Skills Ontario and partners support skill development and mentorship for Indigenous students at First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Student Conference

On Tuesday, May 8, 150 Indigenous students will take part in a day of skilled trades and technologies career exploration and mentorship

Toronto, ON (April 30, 2018) – Skills Ontario is proud to present the 3rd annual Skills Ontario First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Student Conference in conjunction with the Skills Ontario Competition at the Toronto Congress Centre.

Students will explore the Skills Ontario Competition contests and career showcase, try different hands-on activities and challenges, and hear from mentors working in the skilled trades and technologies. Aboriginal Student College Recruiters will also be present at the conference to provide information about post-secondary education and training.

“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 Ashley Pszeniczny, Program Manager 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 well-being not only within their communities, but also for the broader province of Ontario.”

Targeted for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and stakeholders, the conference will provide participants an opportunity to celebrate the success and skill of Indigenous students in Ontario. This year’s conference is sponsored by Bruce Power, Ontario Power Generation, and Union Gas.

About Skills Ontario

Skills Ontario is building Ontario's skilled trades and technologies workforce. We enable and empower all youth, including women and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit youth, to consider a career in the skilled trades and technologies. Engagement with students, teachers, parents, volunteers, employers and mentors ensure our programs connect education, experience, and employment. We deliver in-school presentations across Ontario, host Canada's largest skills competition, run summer camps for skills development and connect students to employers. We are focused on growth sectors such as construction and infrastructure, technology innovation, and hospitality services.

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