

Skills Ontario announces #SkillsLEGOVehicleChallenge as ninth chapter of #SkillsAtHome series, promotes skilled trade and tech careers

Ontario (July 20, 2020) – The #SkillsAtHome challenge series has been inspiring Ontarians to virtually explore the skilled trades and technologies since the first challenge officially launched in March. The ninth challenge of the series, the #SkillsLEGOVehicleChallenge, launches today, and asks participants to create a vehicle out of LEGO that is powered by wind that can travel more than two metres.

This challenge encourages the development of skills in planning, design, and green energy, and relates to the auto service industry. Participants have two weeks to design and build their LEGO vehicle, and must send in submissions for the #SkillsLEGOVehicleChallenge by August 3rd.

"It's been an absolute pleasure to develop and deliver this virtual challenge series," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "We're proud to continue providing Ontarians with fun, interactive activities that encourage skilled trade and technology career exploration. Our #SkillsAtHome challenge series has truly been a celebration of skills development, and we're happy to continue launching challenges."

To participate in challenges in the #SkillsAtHome series, audiences are asked to share their submissions on Twitter. Winners are awarded prizes provided by Skills Ontario and its partners. Skills Ontario thanks its #SkillsAtHome program sponsors: the Government of Ontario, 3M Canada, Centennial College, Haas, Humber College, IHSA, Linamar, Magna, OPG, RBC, and WSIB, as well as its #SkillsLEGOVehicleChallenge sponsors: Algonquin College, Bruce Power, CLAC, Confederation College, Georgian College, Kiewit, Loyalist College, OACETT, OCAS, Seneca College, Sheridan College, Snap-on, and Vale. All challenge details can be found in both official languages at <u>skillsontario.com/skillsathome</u>.

Along with <u>Twitter</u>, Skills Ontario can also be found on <u>Instagram</u> at @skillsontario, on <u>LinkedIn</u> at "Skills Ontario", and on <u>Facebook</u> at "Skills Canada - Ontario." Skills Ontario looks forward to continuing to provide fun and interactive learning opportunities to build a strong and robust workforce.

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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 annually hosting Canada's largest skilled trades and technologies competition which attracts 37,000+ spectators who cheerlead the 2,400+ competitors in 68+ trades and tech categories. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario's youth, visit skillsontario.com/get-involved.

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