

An opportunity to celebrate culture and achievement: Skills Ontario to host First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Student Conference

Ontario (May 10, 2021) – Skills Ontario is hosting its 2021 Virtual Skills Ontario Competition and Career Exploration Showcase on May 12th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm (EST), and the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Student Conference is running in conjunction, offering Indigenous youth in grades 7 and up an opportunity to hear from mentors, learn about their opportunities, and be inspired.

Attendance is free and from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (EST), conference participants will join discussions on supports for Indigenous peoples, hear from Indigenous mentors, and get a chance to participate in a hands-on activity.

“Every year, we host our Skills Ontario Competition and Career Exploration Showcase, and we’re delivering it virtually this year to ensure young people are still given this unique opportunity to pursue skilled trades and technologies,” says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. “We’ve been delivering programs through our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Initiatives for over ten years, and every year, we’re thrilled to welcome Indigenous youth and mentors to celebrate culture and achievement. There are amazing opportunities in the skilled trades and technologies, and through events like these, we’re proving it to youth.”

Along with its other programs, one of the many ways Skills Ontario encourages, celebrates, and supports current and future skilled professionals is through the Skills Ontario Competition and Career Exploration Showcase. All details can be found at skillsontario.com/competition-visitors.

Skills Ontario’s First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Student Conference is supported by the Government of Ontario, Grand River Employment and Training, Magna, Hydro One, Workplace Safety & Prevention Services, Ontario Power Generation, Cambrian College, CBRE, Bruce Power, and Enbridge.

Skills Ontario has been delivering programs and events since 1989, and continues to reach youth and aim to inspire them to explore skilled trades and technologies. The organization has found great success through its programs and initiatives, and continues to deliver programs that connect education, experience, and employment to Ontarians.

About Skills Ontario

Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs to inspire and engage youth since 1989, including presentations, career exploration events, competitions, summer camps, and Young Women’s and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit workshops and conferences. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario youth, visit skillsontario.com/get-involved.

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