

Skills Ontario continues to champion inclusivity within skilled trades and technologies through Persons with Exceptionalities 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 recording of the Persons with Exceptionalities Conference will be available for participants to view.

This free event is an opportunity for youth living with exceptionalities to access resources, inspiration, and information about careers in the skilled trades and technologies. With speakers from Performance Plus Rehabilitative Care Inc., the Job Centre, Infrastructure Health and Safety, and the Ontario Disability Support Program, participants will hear from experts about pursuing these fields.

“As an organization dedicated to empowering youth to explore careers in the skilled trades and technologies, we work to ensure that all Ontarians feel welcomed and included in these fields,” says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. “Through our programs and initiatives, we emphasize that the skilled trades and technologies are suitable for all. 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. Our Persons with Exceptionalities Conference was originally hosted in March, and we saw such great feedback and engagement that we are making it available for viewing again on May 12th. We will continue to put our efforts into making sure all Ontarians feel included, heard, and appreciated.”

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.

Funded by the Government of Ontario, Skills Ontario’s Persons with Exceptionalities Conference invites youth and their parents/guardians to learn about skilled trade and technology careers, including the pathways into these opportunities and the supports in place. 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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