

“Women have a place in these careers”: Skills Ontario aims to inspire youth at Young Women’s 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 Young Women’s Conference is running in conjunction, offering young women in grades 6 to 12 an opportunity to hear from mentors, learn about their opportunities, and be inspired.

At 9:30 am (EST), the conference will run in English, followed by an all-French version running at 1:00 pm (EST). Attendance is free and participants will learn about the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP), take part in a hands-on bridge-building activity, hear from inspiring tradeswomen on their journeys and advice, and become informed about grants, supports, and incentives.

“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. “The Young Women’s conference is a hit every year, and we’re thrilled to continue hosting it. The skilled trades and technologies are suited for everyone, and women have a place in these careers.”

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 Young Women’s Conference is supported by the Government of Ontario, Magna, Hydro One, Vale, Workplace Safety & Prevention Services, Ontario Power Generation, Cambrian College, CBRE, Bruce Power, Naylor Building Partnerships, Sound Events, and OYAP.

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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