

## Enbridge Gas partnership with Skills Ontario aims to empower underrepresented youth to pursue skilled trades & tech careers

**Ontario (October 3, 2022)** – Enbridge Gas has joined Skills Ontario as a sponsor of its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programming, while also providing continued support for Skills Ontario’s First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Initiatives. As a not-for-profit organization committed to empowering youth to explore skilled trades and technologies, Skills Ontario relies on the support of its partners, and can continue to deliver programs to young Ontarians thanks to this support.

Through experiential learning, mentorship, and networking opportunities, Skills Ontario has reached thousands of youth with an aim to inspire them to explore career paths they may have never considered before or might have even been discouraged from considering. Initiatives include conferences and workshops for (but not limited to) Black youth, Indigenous youth, People of Colour, Newcomers, youth at risk, and people with exceptionalities.

“We are very grateful to Enbridge Gas for partnering with us,” says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. “Working together and setting skilled trade and technology leaders up for success is crucial. Skilled trades and technologies play an imperative role in our lives and continuing to support these fields and the professionals working within them benefits us all. Together, we can build our future skilled workforce.”

“Enbridge Gas is very pleased to join Skills Ontario as a sponsor of its diversity, equity and inclusion programming,” said Dean Dalpe, VP, Distribution Operations Services & Governance, Enbridge Gas. “Through our own DE&I goals, we continue to strengthen our commitment to increasing diversity representation in our workplaces, and hope that by demonstrating inclusion in action, underrepresented youth in Ontario will feel valued for their perspective, empowered to share their voice and confident to grow their career in any industry they choose.”

### About Skills Ontario

Skills Ontario has been delivering programs and events since 1989 with an aim to inspire youth to explore skilled trades and technologies. Skills Ontario has found great success through its initiatives, and continues to deliver programs for many audiences, including young women, Indigenous youth, new Canadians, persons with exceptionalities, and more, in order to connect education, experience, and employment. 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](https://skillsontario.com/get-involved).

### About Enbridge Gas Inc.

Enbridge Gas is Canada's largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario, with over 170 years of service to customers. The distribution business provides safe, affordable, reliable energy to about 3.8 million customers and is leading the transition to a clean energy future through net-zero emissions targets and investments in innovative low-carbon energy solutions. The storage and transmission business offers a variety of storage and transportation services to customers at the Dawn Hub, the largest integrated underground storage facility in Canada and one of the largest in North America. Enbridge Gas is owned by Enbridge (ENB), a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution. Learn more at [enbridgegas.com](https://enbridgegas.com).

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