

Skills Ontario: Trades Conference for Guidance Educators

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

7:30 - 9:00 - Registration and Networking Opportunity (breakfast provided)

9:00 - 9:05 - Welcome; Emily Collard — Skills Ontario

9:05- 9:30 - Keynote Speaker; **Jamie McMillan from Kick Ass Careers**

9:30 - 9:40 - Opening Remarks/Introduction to Skilled Trades; Melissa Young, CEO — Skills Trades Ontario, and Emily Collard

9:40 - 10:30 - Speaker Panel: Introduction to OYAP and the Apprenticeship Pathway- Joaquim Vallentin, OCT OYAP and Christa Ray, OCT OYAP

10:30 - 10:50 - Break and Booth Exploration

10:50 - 11:45 - Speaker Panel: Myths and Misconceptions Surrounding the Skilled Trades; Alex Cardinal — UBC Carpenters Union, Carmine Romano — Edge Factor, Shane Malhotra — Bombardier, Danielle Robb — Ontario Mining Industry

11:45 - 12:15 - Keynote Speaker; **Mandy Rennehan—The Blue Collar CEO**

12:15 - 1:15 - Lunch

1:15 - 2:00 - Stopping the Stigma; A Trades Person Journey to Success — Emma Kilgannon — Bronze Winner, WorldSkills Competition 2022 (Pâtisserie and Confectionery), and Malcolm Matwijec — Bronze Winner, WorldSkills Competition 2022 (Heavy Vehicle Technology)

2:00 - 2:05 - Closing Remarks; Jason Hunter—VP, Students and Institutional Planning, Humber College

2:05 - 2:15 - Prize Draw

2:15 - 4:00 - Experiential Exploration of the Skills Ontario Competition, Career Exploration Showcase/Try-A-Trade, Experiential Workshop and Trades and Tech Truck