

Youth Projects will be taking place at locations across the province from November to March this year. Look inside to find out how to register your students!

The Scope

Parent / Teacher Newsletter

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On the Road to South Korea!

From September 25 – 30, 2011 five Nova Scotian competitors travelled to Seoul, South Korea as members of Team Canada at the International Abilympics.



Skills Canada – Nova Scotia is so proud of all of Team Canada and especially our Nova Scotian competitors for representing Canada on the international stage.

Coined after the term “Olympics of Abilities”, the International Abilympics is a worldwide competition that showcases vocational skills of persons with disabilities. This is Canada’s first year at the world class event, and was represented by eight outstanding skills competitors from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

To learn more about Team Canada and the 8th International Abilympics visit <http://www.abilympicscanada.ca>.

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Skills Canada–Nova Scotia is a not-for-profit organization working with employers, educators, labour groups and government to reposition trade and technology related careers as first choice career options for youth. We are associated nationally with Skills Canada and internationally with the WorldSkills Organization.

The 8th International Abilympics was a six day event that brought together over 500 competitors from more than 50 countries to compete in 32 different competition areas. Skills specialties included cake decorating, photography, graphic design and many more. The five Nova Scotian competitors are: Stephanie Pettipas (Cake Decoration); Liam Hattie (Studio Photography); Kayla Johnson (Outdoor Photography); Samantha MacKenzie (Digital Post-er Design); and Alexis Bulman (Painting).

“My disability has brought with it many obstacles and challenges; it has meant giving up a lot of what I used to love. Art-work, primarily painting, was something I was able to hold onto. This experience will be a great opportunity to showcase just how hard I’ve worked as a painter”, says Alexis Bulman, Team Canada painting competitor.

In addition to our amazing competitors, Nova Scotia also had the honour to be represented at the event by 3 delegate judges: Joe Robichaud, Studio Photography; Susan Morrison, Cake Decorating; and Jason Skinner, painting.

Win a \$50 Empire Theatres Gift Card!

Answer the question below correctly and you could win a \$50 Empire Theatres gift card!

Name two competition areas that Nova Scotian Abilympics Competitors competed in at the 8th International Abilympics ?

To enter, send an email to: laurad@skillscanada.com with the correct answer to the question by November 1, 2011. Your name will then be entered in a draw to win a \$50 gift card from Empire Theatres. In the subject line, please write “The Scope 2011 Contest Entry,” and be sure to include your name and current mailing address in the body of the message. *Limit one entry per person*

Opening the Door to a Career in the Oil and Gas Industry

Have your students/teens thought about a career in the oil and gas industry? Welding and steam-fitting/pipefitting are just some of the jobs in demand in this industry. Do you know a student who would be interested? Maybe they should consider a career as a skilled tradesperson or technologist.

Here in Nova Scotia, Encana's Deep Panuke offshore natural gas project is preparing for the first gas to flow from Deep Panuke. As a partner of Skills Canada – Nova Scotia, Encana has been working with us for the past three years to make skilled trades and technologies first choice career options for young Nova Scotians.

One of the initiatives Encana supports is our Youth Projects. These one day interactive career exploration events are held at Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) campuses across Nova Scotia each year. These events allow junior and senior high school students to try different hands-on trade or technology workshops.

"This industry employs people with backgrounds in sciences, engineering, skilled trades and technology to support our day-to-day operations," says Lori MacLean, Communications Advisor at Encana.

As the oil and gas industry in Nova Scotia grows, individuals trained in skilled trades and technologies will be in demand. Now is the perfect opportunity for a new generation of students to get the skills that this industry is looking for.



Skilled Tradespersons and Technologists are in Demand in the Royal Canadian Navy

In November 2011, the Canadian Forces Naval Engineering School (CFNES) is hosting the first Canadian Forces focused Skills Canada – Nova Scotia TechShop Youth Project. At this one-day event students from across the Halifax Regional School Board will have the opportunity to participate in workshops that highlight trade and technology career options that are in demand right now in The Royal Canadian Navy.

Students will attend three workshops where they will have the opportunity to try out career options, complete hands on projects, and learn about career opportunities in trades and technologies in the Royal Canadian Navy. Workshops will focus on a variety of skilled trades and technologies, from fire-fighting to marine engineering, and digital electronics. "Over the last several years, CFNES has taken pride in developing a partnership with Skills Canada – Nova Scotia," says Commander Carosielli.



Presented by Skills Canada – Nova Scotia, Youth Projects like TechShop are fun filled events that allow Nova Scotian youth to discover a variety of different trades and technologies. Youth Projects offered during the school year include TechShop, Young Women's Conference, Skills Energy Youth Quest, and the African Nova Scotian Youth Conference.

This first time event will take place at Canadian Forces Base Stadacona in Halifax, Nova Scotia on November 8th, 2011. For more information on Youth Projects like this TechShop event, or to find out how to register, talk to your school guidance counselor or contact us at the number below:

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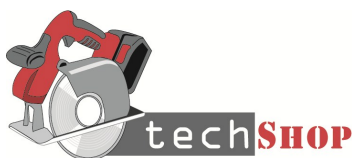


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For the most up to date information on Skills Canada – Nova Scotia's latest programs and events be sure to check out our website at: <http://skillsns.ednet.ns.ca>

You can also join our Facebook group and follow us on Twitter! Just search Skills_NS.

Participant Feedback



"It was an awesome day and very educational. It opened my mind to other careers."



AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN
youth conference

"I had a really fun time with the Motorcycle repair workshop."



"It was so much fun getting to try each trade!"



"The fantastic, informative sessions were awesome!"

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
Nov. 2, 2011	Skills Energy Youth Quest	NSCC Strait Area Campus
Nov. 8, 2011	TechShop	Canadian Forces Base Stadacona
Nov. 17, 2011	TechShop	NSCC Pictou Campus
Nov. 24, 2011	TechShop	NSCC Marconi Campus
Nov. 30, 2011	TechShop	NSCC Cumberland Campus
Dec. 9, 2011	Skills Excellence Awards	Westin Hotel, Halifax, NS
Feb. 9, 2012	TechShop	NSCC Truro Campus
Feb. 15, 2012	TechShop	NSCC Lunenburg Campus
Feb. 24, 2012	TechShop	NSCC Waterfront Campus
Feb. 29, 2012	African Nova Scotian Youth Conference	NSCC Kingstec Campus
Mar. 8, 2012	Young Women's Conference	NSCC Burrige Campus
Mar. 8, 2012	Nova Scotia Skills Competition	NSCC Pictou Campus
Mar. 29, 2012	Nova Scotia Skills Competition	Memorial Composite High School
Apr. 5, 2012	Nova Scotia Skills Competition	NSCC Waterfront Campus
May 12-16, 2012	18 th Skills Canada National Competition	Edmonton, Alberta

Interactive High School Presentations

Skills Canada – Nova Scotia offers free, fun, and interactive presentations to students in grades 9 through 12. Our presentation provides information on the demand of skilled trades and technologies, educational and employment opportunities, services available specifically for youth with disabilities, and how students can further participate in Skills Canada – Nova Scotia's programs and events. Our focus is to better the economic future of Nova Scotian youth and to demonstrate to students that their interests and skills can lead to exciting and rewarding careers!

For more information, or to book a presentation for your class please contact our Promotions Coordinator:

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