

Focus ^{on} Skills & Trades

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Upcoming Events

Skilled Trades for Women Conference (SWTC) 2013

April 17, 2013
9:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
TRADEX Centre, Abbotsford BC

This event will bring Grades 9 to 12 female students together with women employed in a diverse range of sectors represented at the BC Skills Competition.

More information:

<http://www.skillscanada.bc.ca/swtccpage.aspx>

Yes2IT Event Footage

Check out some great footage from a Yes2IT event at Killarney Secondary in Vancouver:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZi7aGhAayY&feature=youtu.be>

SD63 Student Profiles

Some of Saanich School District's top trades students have been profiled in the *Seaside Times* magazine.

Click on the names below to learn more about these students:

[Andrew Parsons](#) – Auto Service Technician

[Luke Martin](#) – Woodworking

[Myles Harris](#) – Carpentry

[Cole Fulton](#) – Sheet Metal

[Taylor Orr](#) – Hairdressing

WorkBC Labour Market Navigator Tool

Announcing the launch of the new WorkBC Labour Market Navigator on WorkBC.ca:

<http://www.workbc.ca/Navigator/>

This new edition to the suite of innovative WorkBC online tools will make it easier than ever for career explorers, job seekers, educators and employers to discover and navigate key B.C. labour market information.

Highlights of the new mobile tool include:

- Average salary, forecasted unemployment rate and estimated number of future job openings by occupation and economic region.
- Integration of monthly Labour Market Snapshot (Labour Force Survey results), B.C. Regions Labour Outlook and Trending Industries.
- Integration of WorkBC Job Bank employment opportunities to provide job seekers with access to related job openings currently available on WorkBC.ca.
- An infographic design that is easy to navigate and interpret.
- Full accessibility on both desktop and mobile devices.

Meet Skills4BC Contributors Kevin & Karen

Kevin O'Connor is a regional sales manager for Yamaha in Kelowna. He said it is critical that we keep the passion for trades alive and that marketing to young people should be our focus. Watch Kevin's video here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhoGDWmmNNw&feature=youtu.be>

Karen from the Vancouver School Board suggested hosting career fairs for both parents and students. She said we need to be more creative in getting the message out to parents so they are aware of trades opportunities. Read Karen's idea and follow the conversation here:

<http://www.bcjobsplan.ca/discussions/how-can-british-columbias-young-people-build-a-successful-trades-or-technical-career-and-be-first-in-line-for-bc-jobs/#comment-3557>

3rd Annual Futures in ICT Conference BC

The 3rd Annual Futures in IT Conference BC will be held at BCIT, Burnaby Campus, on Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26 2013. The conference is **FREE** and the specific agenda is located on the Eventbrite site. The theme of this year's conference is "Setting the Standards for 21st Century Learning".

The conference might be of interest to those who focus in areas of IT:

- Networking
- Software Development (Computer Science)
- Interactive Media
- Business

Follow the link below to register:

<http://focusonitcollaborationbc.eventbrite.com>

