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Try a trade at the free Quinte West Trades and Tech open house on April 21

QUINTE WEST, March 30, 2026 - Interested in pursuing a career in the skilled trades and technology industries? Members of the public are invited to attend the Quinte West Trades and Tech open house featuring the Skills Ontario Trades and Tech Truck on Tuesday, April 21, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Quinte West Operations Centre, located at 177 North Murray Street, Trenton.

The open house is a partnership between Quinte Economic Development Commission (QEDC), with support from the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and Skills Ontario, and welcomes high school and post-secondary students, job seekers and community members who are interested in pursuing apprenticeships, career or job opportunities in the local skilled trades and technology industries. Representatives from the Centre for Workforce Development, Loyalist College, Quinte Home Builders' Association, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton and A1 Plumbing will be on site to answer questions and provide interactive demonstrations.

The Skills Ontario Trades and Tech Truck will also be on-site, offering hands-on experiences with activities and trades available, which may include:

- Automotive electrical
- Cake decorating
- Edison bots
- Electrical wall
- Hair styling
- Heavy machinery simulator
- Pneumatics
- Tire and brake station
- Tool exploration
- Tool rigging and more
- Virtual paint simulator
- Walk-a-trade (VR Oculus experience featuring activities like forklift operating, residential electrician, powerline technician, 3D printing)
- Welding simulator

“The City of Quinte West is pleased to host this event, which supports local youth through interactive hands-on learning to explore various career options within the skilled trades and technology sectors.” “The skilled trades offer incredible value and opportunities for youth to pursue as a viable career path,” says Linda Lisle, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism.



“The skilled trades and technology sectors are vital to our region’s workforce and future growth,” says Chris King, Chief Executive Officer of the Quinte Economic Development Commission. “The open house helps students discover what’s possible by giving them an interactive introduction to in-demand careers and the innovative technologies being used locally.”

In addition to the April 21 open house, the City, in partnership with QEDC, and with support from the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and Skills Ontario, will host students from the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board and the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board on April 21 and 22. During the two-day program, students will tour the Skills Trades and Tech Truck and visit industry sites in Quinte West, gaining a behind-the-scenes look at skilled trades and discovering opportunities available in their own community.

The Quinte West Trades and Tech open house is free to attend and open to anyone interested in learning more about careers in the trades and technology sectors. Learn more at quintewest.ca/workforce.

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About Quinte West: Located between Toronto and Kingston in southeastern Ontario, the City of Quinte West is a growing community, home to almost 50,000 residents. Created through the amalgamation of the City of Trenton, the Village of Frankford, Sidney Township and Murray Township in 1998, the City of Quinte West offers a unique mix of rural and urban lifestyles. Quinte West is notably home to Canada’s largest air force base, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, and prides itself on being a sought-after tourism and recreation destination as a gateway to the world-famous Trent-Severn Waterway. The natural features of Quinte West are complemented by its strong, vibrant and diverse economic base, making Quinte West an exciting place to live, work and play!

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IMAGE: Quinte West Trades and Tech open house welcomes the public to the Operations Centre on April 21.

Trades and Tech Truck

Get job-ready.
Try a trade!

 **Tuesday, April 21**

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 **Quinte West Operations Centre**
177 North Murray St., Trenton



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