

Boeing mentors add value to Skills Manitoba - Young Women's Conference

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There are a lot of smart and ambitious young women in Manitoba -- and Boeing Canada is proud to be part of their learning process. For the past five years, Boeing has sponsored the Young Women's Conference at the Skills Competition. This year's conference, held on April 14 at Red River College, hosted about 200 grade eight girls who have their careers top-of-mind and are curious about opportunities in the skilled trades and technologies sectors.

The one day conference is designed to introduce young women to the many opportunities to discover exciting trade and technology careers available in today's employment market. There are many career prospects just waiting to be discovered!

The one-day event featured entertaining keynote speakers, exciting team activities, a panel discussion, interesting hands-on demonstrations, tours of the College or Career Symposiums, fun contests, and great door prize draws. Boeing mentors, like Tatjana Draskovic, Engineering Specialist at Boeing Winnipeg, shared their experiences in the trades and technology business and participated in informative, interactive round-table discussions.

"I volunteered to be a mentor because I think the concept of getting young women exposed to various skilled trades is a very good one," says Tatjana. "Most of them don't really know what something like engineering entails so it's a great opportunity to share information about the different kinds of jobs that are open to them."

Three other Boeing volunteer mentors, Doris Peloquin, Equipment Engineering Support, and Tina Montemayor, EI Program Coordinator, and Rita Kostenko, Facilities Planner, also attended the conference, providing insight into other areas of business operations.

Photo: Doris Peloquin, Equipment Engineering Support, mentored grade 8 girls at the Manitoba Young Women's Conference.