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**Are you a newcomer to Canada, and looking to start a career?
Do you want to tap into 'high-demand' jobs within Skilled Trades?**

There are **144** skilled trades in Ontario, here are a few:

- Hair stylist
- Baker
- Special Events Coordinator
- Trades (Plumber, Electrician, Automotive technician, etc)
- Child & Youth Worker
- Child Development Practitioner
- Baker

POWER OF TRADES is a pre-employment preparation program for individuals interested in the skilled trades. **International experience welcomed, but not required. The program includes:**

- Four weeks of in-class training (Sept 5th to Sept 29th)
- Work-ready certifications: First Aid/CPR, WHMIS, Working at Heights, Service Excellence, 4-Step Health & Safety
- Job placement in your trade following training

We are holding information sessions! Registration is **required**. Please call or email Sonia or Lori to secure a spot.

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Program Overview:

PT ran successfully in Ottawa for over ten years and has now been rolled out to five regions in Ontario. As an IRCC funded program, we are here to support newcomers looking for more information on opportunities within Skilled Trades. International experience is NOT required (but welcomed) for PT, just a passion to work in Skilled Trades.

The Power of Trades (PT) teaches pre-employment strategies, labour market research, Canadian workplace culture and develops individualized employment plans. It also provides employment related certifications (SFA/WHMIS/Service Excellence / Working at Heights / 4 Step / etc). It facilitates connections between participants and local trade employers, allowing for better labour market consideration and entry into the labour market. It includes an interactive in-class training component covering the skilled trades pathways to employment including apprenticeship, licensing, etc. Following the in-class training participants are offered a co-op opportunity or work placement in a workplace related to their goal.

The primary goal of Power of Trades is for program participants to be more informed, knowledgeable and connected to pursuing a career in the Skilled Trades in Ontario. PT is client-centric, offering solutions that are tailored and personalized to the needs of people from very different backgrounds, with different levels of language skills and technical skills, and a variety of barriers to successful employment.

If you or your clients require more information regarding this exciting opportunity, please reach out to Sonia or Lori at YMCA.

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