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Thurs. August 27th at 3pm
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Podcast series takes a hard look at our emerging labour market

Education / Outlook

The **Future Skills Centre (FSC)**, in partnership with the **Conference Board of Canada**, has released a new podcast series on the future of work in Canada. The six-episode podcast series explores the emerging challenges facing Canadian workers and the labour market.

Two decades into the 21st century, Canada is facing wide-reaching demographic and technological changes that pose significant challenges to the world of work. The **Future Skills** podcast series explores the shifting nature of work and how Canada can compete in an increasingly interconnected world.

In each episode, leading experts unpack a unique issue facing Canadians and hear varying perspectives from community members, decision-makers and thought leaders. Each discussion focuses on solutions and finding paths forward.

Topics explored in the podcast series include "Developing Social and Emotional Skills in an Automated World," "Addressing Inequalities in the Workforce," and "Bridging the Gap Between Work and Education," among others. Each episode features insightful conversations with experts in their field who explore areas such as apprenticeships, the current

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education system, underrepresented groups in the workforce, and the need to upgrade skills throughout a career.

“Every episode takes on big issues in the labour market, grappling with social and economic questions that impact us all,” says Pedro Barata, Executive Director of the Future Skills Centre. “It’s a great way for listeners to learn about the ways in which we need to adapt to an increasingly unpredictable world.”

The first podcast episode, *“Developing Social and Emotional Skills in an Automated World,”* is now available on **The Conference Board of Canada’s** website, as well as **Apple** podcasts and **Spotify**. Additional episodes will be available every two weeks after August 17th. The complete list of episodes is as follows:

- Episode #1: Developing Social and Emotional Skills in an Automated World
- Episode #2: Addressing Inequalities in the Workforce
- Episode #3: Transitioning to a Digital, Green, and Human Future
- Episode #4: Upskilling & Reskilling (Mid-Career Workers)
- Episode #5: Bridging the Gap Between Work and Education
- Episode #6: Gig Economy & Independent Workers

Click here to download the: ['Future Skills Centre Podcast Series'](#)

Construction sector hard hit by the pandemic but is coming back quickly

Construction / Trades

With a wide range of sites shut down across Ontario and work slowing in British Columbia and Alberta, the week of April 6 saw construction activity hit bottom across the three provinces, with progress dropping 41 per cent from mid-March.

The new figures from construction management software firm **Procore**, show worker hours sliding precipitously to their pandemic low during the first full week of April. Ontario, which ordered major portions of its construction industry to close April 4, was by far the hardest hit, with hours worked declining 57 per cent. B.C. and Alberta, saw drops of seven and nine per cent, respectively, the week of April 6.

Earlier reports from Statistics Canada also showed the damage COVID-19 wreaked on construction in April. Coast to coast, more than 313,000 workers, or 21.1 per cent of staff, were laid off.

Despite the abrupt decline, the recovery throughout the construction sector has also been relatively quick. The industry has added back tens of thousands of jobs each month since April, numbers from the federal agency show. As of July, the construction labour force stood at 91.6 per cent of its pre-pandemic level.

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The latest **Construction Activity Index** from Procore tells a similar story. Worker hours in Ontario inched back up through April and May, climbing above the baseline week of March 16 by the beginning of June. Job sites bounced back far quicker in B.C. and Alberta, where worker hours had turned positive by the week of April 13.

While activity in B.C. has remained strong during the pandemic, Alberta workers faced declining hours through much of June and July.

Currently, a sense of uncertainty persists throughout the industry, but indicators show optimism is returning. The latest **Construction Monitor** survey from the **Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)**, for instance, shows the industry is confident the infrastructure segment will drive a recovery in the year ahead, even as expectations for the residential and non-residential building markets remain muted.

Major labour market stories from the past week

For all of the major stories from last week, please login to Labour Market Online and visit the 'Breaking News Section'

- New Enhanced Care coverage starts May 2021 ([Click Here](#)).
- NDIT says: 12,000 jobs lost in northern B.C. to pandemic ([Click Here](#)).
- Deadline looms for temporary layoff extensions ([Click Here](#)).
- 'Forced retirement' a reality for sawmill employees ([Click Here](#)).
- Express Entry or PNP: What makes "cents"? ([Click Here](#)).
- BC issues 52 invitations in new Tech Pilot draw ([Click Here](#)).
- Former Starbucks manager leads Canadian class action suit seeking compensation for unpaid overtime ([Click Here](#)).
- BC hiring 500 people to help with COVID-19 contact tracing ([Click Here](#)).
- Existing problems in EI shouldn't be forgotten as reforms considered ([Click Here](#)).
- 9 cool things you never knew about working in trades ([Click Here](#)).
- Hotel workers launch fast for threatened jobs ([Click Here](#)).
- Project helps Indigenous peoples gain valuable work experience ([Click Here](#)).
- CRA launches updated CEWS calculator ahead of applications opening Monday ([Click Here](#)).
- Poll: Most Canadians believe the pandemic is far from over ([Click Here](#)).
- New funding helps connect people with health-care careers ([Click Here](#)).
- Okanagan and Creston cherry and apple farms desperate for workers -- Aug. 10, 2020 ([Click Here](#)).
- Hollywood North embraces virtual auditions for actors ([Click Here](#)).
- Feds set temporary minimum unemployment rate for EI program ([Click Here](#)).
- In Times of COVID, We Need This 'Recession-Proof' Hiring Solution ([Click Here](#)).

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Career Development Events

BC's Labour Market Briefing for September 2020

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Details: www.LabourMarketOnline.com

ASPECT 2020

November 5 & 6, 2020

Virtual Conference

Details: aspect.bc.ca/ASPECT-Conference

Career Education Society Annual Conference

November 23 and 24, 2020

Virtual Conference

Details: [Click Here](#)

CANNEXUS21

January 25 & 27, February 1 & 3, 2021

Virtual Conference

Details: cannexus.ceric.ca

BC Career Development Conference 2021

April 29 and 30, 2021

SFU Harbourside

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Fascinating Facts

According to a new poll, 77% of respondents claim they are most worried about colleagues coming to work sick or asymptomatic and 57% are worried about having to share common spaces like meeting rooms or lunch rooms.

- KPMG

Quote of the Week

Career Inspiration

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— Johnny Carson

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