



GIRLS IN THE CLASSROOM

UNEARTHING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN MINING

About the Project

This educational outreach pilot project engages with elementary and high school girls and young women to educate, debunk stereotypes and raise awareness around STEM-related career opportunities in the mining and minerals industry for women. With the support of innovative approaches and tools, the project connects classrooms with the diverse female mining and minerals workforce as applied examples of the learning outcomes in the public-school curriculum. The ultimate ambition is to feed this key underrepresented group of the mining sector talent pipeline through inspirational interactions.

Creating a Closer Community

The pilot project engages with a diverse cross-section of classrooms in Saskatoon, including academically gifted, inner city, community and Indigenous schools. Just as the classrooms are diverse, the industry women that classrooms will be uniquely connected to will represent wide-ranging careers in the Saskatchewan mining sector, with a focus on in-demand careers identified in the Saskatchewan Mining Industry Hiring Requirements and Available Talent Forecast.

Gathering Top Talent

Women that embody the essence of being a role model will be selected by the project team to participate as mining industry representatives. She will share her education, experiences (both positive and the hurdles she had to overcome), contributions and leadership in her company and community. The representative and her lesson plan materials and activities will link to outcomes and indicators of the school curriculum, as created with the teacher and the Girls In The Classroom team. Lesson plans and other materials created will be made available on the as downloadable PDF's at www.girlsintheclassroom.org.

Exploring the Industry

Girls who are interested in more intently exploring the various careers presented can enter an essay competition to win a sponsorship package to a mining-related educational camp of her choosing within the Saskatoon area or a one-day job shadow opportunity with the industry representative and her company. One girl from each pilot project classroom for Grades 8 – 12 will be selected. Follow us on Twitter @GITC_Mining.