

EVENTS & PROGRAMS WITHIN OUR BRAND



EASTERN ONTARIO TRADE SHOWS AND EVENTS

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Eastern Ontario Trade Shows has become a brand we use for all our large events and Trade Shows. For the past 10 years our organization has been running premium vendor events within Leeds and Grenville. Now the stage is set to expand our reach, we are set to host five to ten shows per year in the four divisions of the Approved Professionals Program. These shows help promote the local businesses and educate non-members about our program.



During the pandemic, founder David Annable, needed to find a new way to promote and advocate for our members and small business. This is how we came to have our very own SME Podcast called "The PRO's talk". This business orientated "off the cuff" podcast interviewed business owners of all types and introduced us to the people behind the visions. With the power of the internet our Podcast was able to reach farther than anticipated, and was a valuable tool to connect the Program with new business leaders.

Future of Skilled Trades Program

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Our Members united on an issue with regards to Skilled Trades in 2018. Coming together to start a localized bursary program with local High Schools. Together our members were able to support the Future of Skilled Trades Bursaries which are delivered to graduates pursuing a future in a Skilled Trade. Each bursary was \$700/student and we have handed out Two Bursaries in Four different high schools in 2019 and 2020.

This is set to return in 2024, as it was halted during the pandemic.



Passionate about teaching our youth about Skilled Trades and Entrepreneurship, founder David Annable, has set a path with the S.T.E.P. (Skilled Trades Education Program) which will launch in September 2024.

Members of the Program will be invited to be panel members at local schools providing first hand information and details about each partners trade. Our hopes are to help stimulate the interest in a Skilled Trade while answering questions of those interested.

Small Business Christmas Gala

Our Annual year-end event that celebrates our members alongside their peers at our Small Business Christmas Gala. A fun night of networking, food, drinks and special guests.

We always take the time to ensure all our events have a positive and fun element. As each year comes to end, it is always important to look back with colleagues and enjoy what we have learned. Then we set a path forward to conquer the upcoming challenges.

