

February 11 is UNESCO and UN-Women's International Day of Women and Girls in Science



The Canadian Association for Girls in Science wants you to use your voice with the launch of an inspiring virtual collection of stories and images from across Canada

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February 6, 2024 (Toronto, ON) – On International Day of Women and Girls in Science, the Canadian Association for Girls in Science (CAGIS) will spark an important conversation about gender equity in STEM (science, technology, trades, engineering, and mathematics) with the launch of an inspiring virtual collection of stories and images from participants across Canada. By spotlighting the voices of youth, parents, role models, and allies, CAGIS hopes to bring attention to the need for a more equitable future in STEM.

In Canada, women make up only 23% of science and technology workers and 5% of trades workers. Yet STEM occupations are among the highest-paid and fastest-growing occupations in the country. Fortunately, research has shown that breaking stereotypes, increasing access to mentorship programs, and providing diverse role models, can all help.

Founder and President of CAGIS, Dr. Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko says that “Girls and gender-diverse youth face barriers in their STEM journeys, from limited role models to societal stereotypes and bias. However, youth are the future of this country. It is important to highlight their experiences, spotlight their voices, and involve youth in solutions. Together, we can build a brighter and more equitable future in STEM.”

To participate, CAGIS is asking the public to visit the online collection and reflect on the question, “What do you want people to know about gender equity in STEM?”. They can then submit their own contributive response and/or images to the collection. These inspirational and heartening responses will be publicly displayed as part of the virtual, scrapbook-like collection.

To read youth responses and join the conversation, visit www.Clubhouse.GirlsInScience.ca/Day-Of-Women-And-Girls-In-Science/. Submit your response by 8 pm ET on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

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