

SCIENCE in the community: ENGINEERING IDOL competition in ETOBICOKE

Feb 17, 2009 – Etobicoke, Ontario.

Join us on Sat. Feb 28th, 2009 in Etobicoke to witness the second annual Engineering Idol competition. Designed specifically to challenge 7 participating high schools, the mission was unveiled in January to students to create a heat recovery ventilator (HRV) in less than 6 weeks. The format of the competition mimics a real-life engineering project including: a sales pitch and presentation, scientific research, and building the actual project in less than five hours on competition day in front of a panel of expert judges. Rewards and scholarships will be given out to the winning students.

Part of National Engineering Month, organized by Professional Engineers of Ontario, this event has doubled in size since it launched a year ago. Expecting over 200 hundred people attending the event, local support includes Liberal MP for Etobicoke centre, Borys Wrzesnewskyj. Sponsored by five major leading industry organizations, the purpose is to promote and encourage interest from students in the profession of engineering. Engineering is more than creativity, technology and calculations. It is also about teamwork, problem solving, and maintaining professionalism at all times. This competition is an opportunity for teams to demonstrate their proposal and have fun!

About: Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO) – Etobicoke Chapter

The Etobicoke Chapter is one of the thirty-seven Chapters of the PEO in the Province of Ontario and is one of the eight chapters that administratively belong to the West Central Region of the PEO. The Chapter serves over 1,000 members residing in central Etobicoke (the western part of the City of Toronto). Some aims of the chapter is to encourage and promote personal development and social responsibility among Chapter members. Another objective is to promote public awareness of the engineering profession in the community.

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Location of competition: Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School

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Event Website: <http://www.engineeringidol.com>

Company Website: <http://www.etobicoke.peo.on.ca>

National Engineering Month: <http://www.engineeringmonth.on.ca>

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