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## BUILD A DREAM AND THE MILLWRIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL LAUNCH INTRODUCTION TO MILLWRIGHTING PROGRAM IN MANITOBA



WINNIPEG, MB – Build a Dream, the Millwright Regional Council (MRC), and UBC Millwright Local 1443 Manitoba officially launched a Manitoba cohort of the Introduction to Millwrighting (ITM) Program today, marking another milestone in their shared commitment to building a diverse and highly skilled workforce.

The launch represents Build a Dream's first program in Manitoba and continues the organization's national expansion efforts. Over the past year, Build a Dream has delivered workforce development and skilled trades programming in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, and New Brunswick, helping connect underrepresented groups to careers in high-demand industries across Canada.

This Manitoba cohort is the fourth Introduction to Millwrighting program delivered in partnership between Build a Dream and the Millwright Regional Council. Eight participants have been selected for the program, who will spend four weeks developing foundational skills and industry knowledge before beginning a four-week paid work placement with participating contractors.

"Expanding into Manitoba is an exciting milestone for Build a Dream as we continue to grow our national impact and create pathways into rewarding careers in the skilled trades," said **Nour Hachem**, Founder and President of Build a Dream. "Our partnership with the Millwright Regional Council has proven that when industry and community organizations work together, we can remove barriers, build confidence, and connect participants directly to meaningful employment opportunities."



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Millwrights perform highly specialized work that keeps critical industries operating safely and efficiently. From hydroelectric power generation and renewable energy projects to food and beverage production, manufacturing, material handling, and mechatronics, millwrights play a vital role in installing, maintaining, and repairing complex industrial machinery.

“Becoming a millwright is more than just choosing a trade, it is choosing a career that puts you at the centre of building and maintaining the industries that keep Canada running,” said **Mark Beardsworth**, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Millwright Regional Council. “Our partnership with Build a Dream is about showing the next generation one of the strongest pathways to a rewarding and stable career”

Participants will complete the in-class portion of the program on June 26, 2026, before beginning work placements with industry contractors from June 29 through July 25, 2026. Successful participants will gain valuable hands-on experience while building connections within Manitoba's industrial workforce.

By creating direct pathways into apprenticeship and employment opportunities, the Introduction to Millwrighting Program continues to address skilled labour shortages while expanding access to careers in the trades for groups traditionally underrepresented in the industry.

This program is funded in part by the Government of Canada's Youth Employment and Skills Strategy.

### About Build a Dream

Build a Dream is a national non-profit organization dedicated to attracting, recruiting, advancing, and retaining women and underrepresented groups in skilled trades, STEAM, emergency response, and entrepreneurship. Through career discovery events, workforce development programs, mentorship, and training initiatives, Build a Dream helps individuals explore meaningful career pathways while supporting employers in building diverse talent pipelines. [webuildadream.com](http://webuildadream.com)

### About the Millwright Regional Council

The Millwright Regional Council (MRC) is composed of twelve affiliated Local Unions of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC) across Canada. The UBC Millwrights are vital partners in diverse industries such as energy, automotive, aerospace, food processing, and pharmaceuticals. [ubcmillwrights.ca](http://ubcmillwrights.ca)

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