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Hibernia Funds STEMforGIRLS program across Newfoundland and Labrador

Today, Equiforce announced a $756,136 contribution from the Hibernia project to support STEMforGIRLS, the flagship program of Equiforce's charitable arm, the Educational Resource Centre. The funding will support program delivery over the next three years.

STEMforGIRLS delivers hands-on STEM learning through a combination of in-school programming, community outreach, and a province-wide network of STEMforGIRLS Chapters, many of which are in schools and championed by educators. Youth engage in structured activities using curated STEM kits and benefit from an extensive network of volunteer role models who bring real-world experience into classrooms and communities. The program intentionally connects these experiences to career pathways, helping youth better understand opportunities in STEM and skilled trades while building confidence and awareness of future options.

Funding from Hibernia will support the growth of new Chapters, enhance the development and distribution of STEM kits, and expand the delivery of special STEM events across the province. It will also strengthen Equiforce's organizational capacity to deliver and sustain this work, enabling more youth, particularly in rural and remote communities, to access consistent, high-quality STEM experiences.

"At Hibernia, we know that building a strong future for our province starts with investing in people," says Duncan Fitzpatrck, HMDC's president. "STEMforGIRLS is creating meaningful opportunities for youth across Newfoundland and Labrador to explore STEM and skilled trades, build confidence, and imagine themselves in these careers. We're proud to support a program that is helping to broaden participation in these fields and build tomorrow's workforce."

"STEMforGIRLS helps young people see that careers in STEM and the skilled trades are real options for them," says Abbie Hodder, CEO of Equiforce. "That matters, because we're still not seeing the full range of talent reflected in those fields. This investment from Hibernia allows us to keep doing that work across the province and reach young people who might not otherwise see those pathways for themselves."

Since its launch, STEMforGIRLS has engaged thousands of youth across Newfoundland and Labrador, helping to build interest, confidence, and awareness of career opportunities in STEM and skilled trades. The program plays an important role in supporting a more inclusive and future-ready workforce.

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