

Tradeswomen Resources



A List of Organizations and Information
of Interest for Tradeswomen

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Organizations

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advocates the educational equity of women and girls, and conducts significant research on girls and education. AAUW is the nation's oldest and one of the largest sources of non-institutional funding of graduate education for women. Recent publications include *Hostile Hallways: The AAUW Survey on Sexual Harassment in America's Schools*; *The AAUW Report: How Schools Shortchange Girls*; and *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America*. 1111 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010. 202-785-7700. <http://www.aauw.org>.

The American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) Purpose: To recognize and preserve the history and legacy of working women, including volunteer women, during World War II; to promote cooperation and fellowship among such members and their descendants; and to further the advancement of patriotic ideals and loyalty to the United States of America. 2561 Rocky Ridge Rd. Birmingham, AL 35243 www.rosietheriveter.net

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) is a nonprofit organization committed to the achievement of equity and full participation of women in all areas of science and technology. AWIS supports women in their career advancement through mentoring activities, leadership training for women, coalition building, and the publication of *AWIS Magazine*, a source of information for women scientists and employers. AWIS also publishes comprehensive reports of its conferences and outreach programs. 1522 K Street, NW, Suite 820, Washington, DC 20005. 202-408-0742.

Chicago Women in Trades (CWIT) works to increase the number of women in the skilled trades and other blue collar occupations and to eliminate the barriers that prohibit women from entering and remaining in non-traditional careers. 1657 West Adams St., Suite 401, Chicago, IL 60612 ph: 312-942-1444; fax: 312-942-0802; cwitinfo@cwit2.org www.chicagowomenintrades.org

Girls Count is a nonprofit organization expanding opportunities for all girls--in education and in the workforce of the future. Through innovative technical assistance and training, public education, and public policy initiatives, Girls Count provides educators, parents, business leaders, policymakers, and other adults in girls' lives with the tools to change expectations and actions that limit girls' views of themselves and their futures. 225 East 16th Avenue, Suite 475, Denver, CO 80203. 303-832-6600. GirlsCount@aol.com.

Girls, Incorporated, the former Girls Clubs of America, is a nonprofit organization and advocate for girls in the United States, specializing in program development, direct service, action research, and advocacy designed to help make girls strong, smart, and bold in an inequitable world. Preparing girls for economic independence and promoting their equal employment opportunity in non-traditional jobs are priorities which are addressed in several core programs, including the Career Action Program. 30 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016. 212-689-3700. Fax: 212-683-1253. HN3578@handsnet.org.

Hard Hatted Women "The Mission of Hard Hatted Women is to empower women to achieve economic independence in non-traditional careers through education, support, advocacy, job placement and advancement." Hard Hatted Women 4207 Lorain Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44113 Telephone: 216.961.4449 Fax: 216.961.0927 E-mail hhw@raex.com <http://www.hardhattedwomen.org/index.htm>

If I Had a Hammer Program is a training program offering young women ages 16-21 pre-apprentice training, soft skill, training, and fundamental core training in construction related fields. The program is grant funded and is administered by the YWCA. The program offers free

transportation and childcare to qualified trainees. Ph. (205) 322-9922 Fax (205) 521-9652
<http://www.ywcabham.org/Programs/index.asp>

The Institute for Women in Trades, Technology & Science is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the integration of women into trades and jobs in non-traditional fields for women. The Institute brings a national knowledge base on institutional strategies and program elements to ensure that women are prepared for non-traditional employment and have the ability to integrate that knowledge base with the development of school-to-work systems. 6421 4th Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912-4708. 301-270-8014.

Kansas Careers offers extensive career and staff development resources and services for young women. In particular, Kansas Careers supplies information on the **Kansas Mentor Project**, which has provided young women with mentors and role models from non-traditional occupations. Kansas Careers also operates, on the World Wide Web, the **Internet Assessment for Women**, which serves as a comprehensive resource for non-traditional career exploration. Kansas State University, 2323 Anderson Avenue, Suite 248, Manhattan, KS 66502-2912. 913-532-6540. dangle@ksu.ksu.edu <http://www.ksu.edu/~dangle/>.

The National Network of Minority Women in Science (MWIS) is a communication and support system for minority women in science and engineering as well as others who share an interest in promoting the participation of these underrepresented groups in science and engineering professions. The mission of MWIS is to provide minority female students with access to career information and educational opportunities, and to promote the professional advancement of minority women scientists and engineers. American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. 202-326-6670.

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) was founded in 1963 and has over 5,000 members in every state and Canada. NAWIC has international chapters in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. The core purpose of NAWIC is to enhance the success of women in the construction industry. 327 South Adams St. Fort Worth, TX 76104-1081 Ph. (817) 877-5551 Fax (817) 877-0324 <http://www.nawic.org>

The National Women's Law Center works to broaden job opportunities and end sexual harassment for women. A priority of the Center is to promote policies that assist women as family members, particularly women who are the primary financial support for their families. The Center has focused much attention on the development of effective education policies for women, including non-traditional school-to-work opportunities for young women. 11 Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC. 202-588-5180.

The New Choices Program offers women training in nontraditional construction trades. New Choices is sponsored by the Goodwill and "helps people experiencing barriers to employment to reach their fullest vocational potential. Goodwill provides comprehensive vocational services customized to the needs of individuals." Goodwill Industries of North Georgia 2201 Glenwood Avenue SE, Atlanta, GA 30316 Ph. 404-486-8400 <http://www.ging.org/index.html>

Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW) Since 1978, NEW has helped thousands of unemployed and underemployed women in the New York City area achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment in the skilled blue-collar trades. We are a nonprofit organization providing an integrated program of occupational skills and fitness training, job readiness, counseling and case management, and job placement services in occupations in which women are underrepresented.

Graduates of NEW, who constitute the majority of women hard hats in New York City, work in a variety of industrial and technical jobs throughout the building trades. NEW also works to change the climate for women in nontraditional work by providing national advocacy and technical assistance services to labor unions, employers, nonprofit organizations, and government.

Nontraditional Employment for Women 243 W 20th Street New York, NY 10011
phone: 212.627.6252 fax: 212.255.8021 email: new@new-nyc.org web: www.new-nyc.org

Northern New England Tradeswomen, Inc. Northern New England Tradeswomen (NNETW) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1987 to help Vermont women enter, advance and remain in the skilled trades or other non-traditional activities through a comprehensive program of recruitment, training, referrals, placements, networking, advocacy and retention activities. They are located in Essex Junction, in the old Discovery Museum Building, at 51 Park Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452. Telephone: 802.878.0004 Fax: 802.878.0050
E-mail: info@nnetw.org <http://www.nnetw.org/index.htm>

The Northwest Center for Equity and Diversity is a comprehensive regional resource center focused on promoting gender equity and cultural diversity in education, business, and the community. The Northwest Center provides training and resources which foster the development of inclusive, equitable, and multicultural classrooms and workplaces that are relevant and receptive to the challenges of the workplace. Edmonds Community College, 20000 68th Avenue West, Lynnwood, WA 98036. 206-640-1085.

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. is dedicated to promoting success for women in the trades through education, leadership and mentorship. P.O.Box 86620 Portland, Oregon 97286 phone: 503-335-8200 fax: 503-249-0445 <http://www.tradeswomen.net/>

The Pre-Vocational Training Program at the University of Iowa introduces women, aged 16 and older, to skilled trades and technical occupations. Working with an integrated community-based network of educators, service providers, unions, and employers, the program prepares participants for employment or educational opportunities in non-traditional occupations. The Pre-Vocational Training Program also provides technical assistance to Iowa Community Colleges in increasing female student access to technical and trade educational programs, and to communities that would like to adapt and replicate the Pre-Vocational Training Program. 107 Seashore Hall Center, Iowa City, IA 52242. 319-335-0560.

Rosie's Girls Rosie's Girls© is a summer day camp for girls entering 6th - 8th grades that uses trades exploration to build self-esteem, physical confidence, interpersonal cooperation and leadership skills. Program activities include carpentry instruction, other trades experiences, and creative exploration. Rosie's Girls is offered by the Northern New England Tradeswomen, Inc. Telephone: 802.878.0004 Fax: 802.878.0050 E-mail: info@nnetw.org
<http://www.nnetw.org/index.htm>

Tradeswomen, Inc. is a non-profit grass roots organization whose purpose is to promote and support women in non-traditional blue collar jobs. Founded in 1979, based in the San Francisco Bay Area. PO Box 882103, San Francisco, CA 94188-2103 phone: 415-487-6419
<http://www.tradeswomen.org/index.html>

Tradeswomen Now and Tomorrow (TNT) Since April 2000, tradeswomen and advocates from coast to coast have been working to develop Tradeswomen Now and Tomorrow (TNT), a national organization with the following mission: *"To promote policies and actions that achieve women's economic equity by increasing the number of women in trade and technical jobs and by improving their working conditions."* TNT is a national coalition of tradeswomen's advocates and organizations combining regional efforts to create a national voice. c/o Chicago Women in Trades 1657 West Adams, Suite #401 Chicago IL 60612 info@TradeswomenNow.org
www.TradeswomenNow.org

Washington Women in Trades was founded in 1978 for women working in trades to gather and share information. The Association sponsors an annual trades fair, where employers can recruit women for trades work. The fair is also an outreach to girls and women, including students from schools statewide who may not be familiar with the high paying jobs available in trades careers.

The fair is typically held in the spring, either in April or May at the Seattle Center. It is a two-day event, which is twofold; the first day, Friday, is attended by Washington students who are

introduced to hands on activities. These include operating power tools, heavy equipment, and pumps and hoses. Safety and work wear demonstrations are also very popular. The second day, Saturday, offers a celebration of women in trades including an awards program and a 20-year pin ceremony. It also provides apprenticeship employment networking opportunities.
P.O. Box 837, Seattle, WA 98111-0837, www.wawomenintrades.com (206) 903-9508

Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW) is a non-profit organization that promotes economic independence and equality of opportunity for women and girls. Through its technical assistance, skills training models, functional context approach to education, and expertise on non-traditional jobs for women, WOW works to build the bridges between education, employment, and economic development. WOW has been actively involved in assisting school-to-work programs across the country provide young women the opportunity to enter non-traditional occupations. 815 15th Street, NW, Suite 916, Washington, DC 20005. 202-638-3143.

The Women's Educational Equity Act Equity Resource Center (WEEA) is a publishing center for information on issues relating to gender equity in education and training programs. Each month, WEEA publishes the WEEA Digest, which discusses educational theory and research from a field-based perspective. Many of WEEA's publications focus on school-to-work opportunities for young women in non-traditional occupations. Education Development Center, 55 Chapel Street, Newton, MA 02158-1060. 800-225-3088. weepub@edc.org.

Women Employed is a membership organization dedicated to expanding opportunities for women through career development services, education, and advocacy. Women Employed assists community colleges and nonprofit training institutions in developing pre-vocational training for women and girls. Its Career Links program, a group mentoring program linking teen girls with working women, focuses on life planning, career exploration, and job readiness activities. 22 West Monroe, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60603. 312-782-3902.

Women in Building Trades (WIBT) helps women learn about, enter, and remain in the building trades and other nontraditional blue-collar work. Activities for women include apprenticeship preparation courses, job counseling and placement services, support groups, and other workshops for tradeswomen. The Youth Program offers young women and girls an opportunity to explore trade work. 12 Southern Avenue Dorchester, MA 02124 (617) 929-0433
<http://www.communityworks.com/html/mgd/WIBT.HTML>

Women in Nontraditional Employment Roles (WINTER) WINTER's mission is to encourage and support women's training, employment, and retention in high wage, high skill jobs. Our members are union, nonunion, and self-employed; technical and blue collar workers; women looking for better jobs, advocates and supporters. We are as diverse in our occupations as we are in our ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Our common bond is that we share the goal of opening more doors for women. WINTER Office 1932 W. 19th Street Long Beach, CA 90810
<http://www.constructionaffairs.com/winter.html> (562) 590-2266

Women In Overalls is a friendly forum to give women who work in male-dominated fields a chance to chat with other women in similar situations. The scope is broad: we can share workplace solutions, discuss family problems or gain information about our careers. This is a friendly environment: No flaming allowed and spammers are not welcome. Any problems with the list should be brought to the list moderator (who reserves the right to make any decision necessary to keep this list a safe haven).

Tradeswomen Chat Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/womeninoveralls/>

Group Email Addresses:

Post message: womeninoveralls@yahoogroups.com

Subscribe: womeninoveralls-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribe: womeninoveralls-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

List owner: womeninoveralls-owner@yahoogroups.com

Women Work! The National Network for Women's Employment is dedicated to empowering women and assisting them to achieve economic self-sufficiency through job readiness, education, training, and employment. In addition to individuals throughout the country, Network members include more than 1,300 education, training, and employment programs. The Network collects data, disseminates information, provides training and technical assistance, and acts as a communication link to programs, agencies, and educational institutions. 1625 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006 . 202-467-6346.

Women Unlimited improves the economic well being of Maine women by providing access to, and support in, trade, technical and transportation careers (often called nontraditional occupations, or NTOs). At Women Unlimited, we prefer to think of them as alternative careers: alternatives to boring office jobs, low-paying retail work, or typical jobs for women like childcare, health care or food service. 71 Winthrop Street Augusta, ME 04330
1-800-281-5259 or 207-623-7576 fax: 207-623-7299 <http://www.womenunlimited.org/index.html>