

Tradeswomen: A Winning Ticket April 20-21, 2007
Simon Fraser University and British Columbia Institute of Technology
Conference Evaluation Form

1. How satisfied were you with the registration process? (please circle one)

Very Satisfied **7** Satisfied **4** Neutral **1** Dissatisfied **3** Very Dissatisfied

2. How satisfied were you with the conference materials provided?

Very Satisfied **7** Satisfied **7** Neutral **1** Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

3. Overall, how satisfied were you with the speakers/presenters?

Very Satisfied **8** Satisfied **6** Neutral **1** Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

4. Overall, how satisfied were you with the conference facilities?

Very Satisfied **12** Satisfied **3** Neutral Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

5. Did you feel the length of conference sessions were too long, just about right or too short?

Too long Just about right **11** Too Short **4**

6. The content of conference sessions was appropriate and informative.

Strongly Agree **6** Agree **8** Neutral **1** Disagree Strongly Disagree

7. The conference was well organized.

Strongly Agree **8** Agree **7** Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

8. Conference staff were helpful and courteous.

Strongly Agree **9** Agree **4** Neutral **1** Disagree **1** Strongly Disagree

9. What did you like most about the conference?

- The idea of pooling recommendations to create a better environment for women in trades;
- Being able to connect with other women in the trades and to learn of their experiences;
- So many amazing tradeswomen, I loved everything about the conference...extremely well organized. There was a ton of very tasty food (which I wasn't expecting)...people were nice/friendly...the energy was great...the video presentation on women around the world in the trades was exceptionally educational and wicket SWAG. Fantastic front door girls. Kate's assistant made me feel so welcome and relaxed;
- The opportunity to find out more about women in trades currently see the support available/unavailable in Vancouver;
- Sharing of stories;
- The practical tips in "Finding the Job and Keeping It"
- Finally meeting others and recognizing just how much the feelings of being a minority exist in the women in trades;
- The variety of younger women in trades participating;
- Meeting such a variety of women;
- Meeting new women;
- The women!
- Networking with other women in trades;
- Great inspiring women! So happy to have come.
- Meeting a whole new group of women like me. Getting info on becoming educated in building my business;
- What I liked most was honestly just being here. This is my first women in trades conference and it makes me really excited to get out in the industry.

10. What did you like least about the conference?

- That the sessions were rushed and somehow my nametag was wrong! It stated I was a Carpenter, not a student in Carpentry! (May have been my fault though!);
- Although I loved my two hour workshop, I really would have preferred two different one hour workshops, so I could maximize my experience, exposure to topics and social interactions in a smaller closer environment;
- Topics could be more in-depth, detailed, more focused;
- Workshops were too short;
- I have no prior experience with a conference like this one so I can't judge it good or bad;
- Some workshops were not interactive enough. Less talk more action to get the point across;
- More air-time for participants
- That I couldn't participate in more than three topics;
- Nothing;

- I would like to attend more courses;
- Information on grant for payment of conference;
- Workshops too short, not enough time for participants to ask questions, comment and meet other participants;
- I found the plenary for recommendation a bit long, but the information was important. I just don't like to sit so long!

11. In what ways could this conference be improved?

- Getting more women out there to support something of this nature;
- A three day conference would enable everyone to go to all the workshops offered;
- All awesome...keep it up (whoever has got the next one);
- Seems that the opportunity to really connect with a younger group was missed. Our struggles have changed over the years, the attitudes and approaches must change;
- The people who came could be heard more. It seems a few people know each other and that's who gets heard. I had hoped to have an opportunity to be heard but mostly the opportunity was to listen;
- Give people a chance to meet as a group (eg. electricians) so questions and experience can be discussed casually, especially good for the new apprentices to interact with people who have spent a long time in their chosen trade;
- Include session on women's career paths and how they differ from men. Invite high school counsellors – set it up so they could claim it as pre-development;
- Better advertising in advance;
- More media and information about the conference. We also need interesting workshops on leadership and leadership techniques for women in trades. If we show positive and inclusive leadership our organization will grow;
- A full weekend;
- I would like to see the conference every year or at least every second year;
- Every one or two years instead of 11!
- Workshops too short, not enough time for participants to ask questions, comment and meet other participants;
- I can't think of anything that I would like to improve, it was great!