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The **Educational Resource Centre (ERC)** has grown from the work being done in **Women in Resource Development (WRDC)** under its mandate to increase the participation of women in trades and technology occupations within the natural resource sectors. The Centre was created in 2001 to offer province-wide resources to girls and women who may not have the opportunity to engage in hands on trades and technology activities.

The staff of ERC works directly with students and administration of the English School District to complement existing skilled trades curriculum. We strive to empower girls and women to choose careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and include experienced female instructors and professional role models to assist in program delivery.

The Centre has a range of programs, services, and materials, including a public resource library located at the main office in St. John's.

"If I had known these things in school, my life would have been different."

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GIRLS UNDERSTANDING SKILLED TRADES OPPORTUNITIES



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ABOUT GUSTO! ...

Girls Understanding Skilled Trades Opportunities

GUSTO! is a one hundred percent Hibernia sponsored program engaging young women who are interested in learning about educational and career opportunities available in the skilled trades industries.

GUSTO! is a FREE workshop for high school girls across Newfoundland and Labrador who are interested in gaining hands-on experience in the carpentry and electrical trades. Participants are guided by two certified tradeswomen, where possible, in the construction and assembly of their very own wooden lamp.

GUSTO! offers gender-based career exploration from female mentors while exploring the realities of working as a tradesperson in today's labour market. GUSTO! introduces basic carpentry and electrical skills in a safe environment through demonstrations of the proper use of personal protective equipment, tools, materials, and machinery.

A safety component covering the overview of the workshop covers occupational health and safety and WHMIS procedures.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Why consider a career in a non-traditional occupation?

- Good pay, good benefits;
- Apprenticeships mean less student debt;
- Mega projects are required by government to increase the number of women;
- Option to travel and to do seasonal work;
- Flexibility in schedules/hours;
- Ability to work offshore and to explore the natural environment;
- Acquire technical skills in demand means your employment prospects are viable and transferable.

Post secondary offerings, Funding, Scholarships, career resources in Newfoundland and Labrador include:

(not an exhaustive list)

- www.lmiworks.nl.ca/Hotline
- www.cna.nl.ca/awards/awards.asp?school=Industrial+TradesStudentScholarships.org
- www.academycanada.com/prospective-students/scholarships/



BECOME INSPIRED...

GUSTO! offers team-based, experiential learning, while using problem solving skills to create a finished product. By connecting girls to careers in skilled trades, engineering, design and operations, WRDC encourages girls to think outside of the box in their roles as girls and women in their communities and in their careers. When we break down the barriers to pursuing careers in non-traditional roles we give young women endless career opportunities.

