



The Women's Trade Network is a consortium of organisations working to promote gender equality in trade roles. Currently, just two percent of tradespeople are female and our mission is to change that by increasing gender diversity in the industry and raising awareness of the benefits a career in trade can offer women.



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Our programme is open to any woman aged 19 or over who is either interested in a career in trade or is currently qualified and thinking about their next step. It does not matter about her age, background, experience or employment status. The trades represent a hugely fulfilling career opportunity for women. With job security, flexibility, and an average salary of £30,000 and above there is little to stop women succeeding in the profession.

Through our training provider, we offer fully-funded courses to help you explore a career in trade or advance your career in trade, leading to employment prospects that best suit your skills, available time and career goals.

No matter which route is taken, our network is committed to ensuring long-term job opportunities at the end of it, whether that be with a contractor firm, in-house maintenance team or even starting your own business.

Our Courses

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Level 1 | Certificate in Multiskills Construction

The course

Level 1 certificate in multiskills construction provides the broad skills required to succeed in a career in trade. It provides insight into a range of trades with an opportunity to try each one and decide which trade you want to focus on for further education once the course ends.

Approximate course length

Six weeks full-time
10 weeks part-time
170 learning hours

Skills learnt

- Construction Health and Safety
- Carpentry and joinery
- Painting and decorating
- Bricklaying
- Tiling
- Upon completion of the Construction Health and Safety module, you will be eligible to apply for a CSCS card

Locations

London (E8)
Sunderland
Middlesbrough

Who can join the course?

- Females aged 19 or over
- Not in full-time education
- Resident in England
- Does not hold any existing trade qualifications

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Level 2 | Creating a Business Start-Up

The course

The level 2 Certificate in Creating a Business Start-Up will help you to explore business ideas and select the most appropriate option to develop. You will learn how to develop and progress your business plan so you fully understand your target market. The course will also teach you about marketing your business and the important legal and financial requirements you have to follow.

Approximate course length

Eight weeks (flexible)

Skills learnt

- Principles of providing administrative services
- Principles of business document production and information management
- Understand communication in a business environment
- Understand employer organisations
- Understand how to develop working relationships with colleagues

Locations

Online distance learning

Who can join the course?

- Females aged 19 or over
- Not in full-time education
- Resident in England
- Holds a trade qualification and is interested in starting their own business

Join our online information sessions

In order to provide further information and answer any questions you may have about the Women's Trade Network, courses and career prospects we will be hosting an online information session.

Level 1: Certificate in Multiskills Construction

11th May 2021

13:00-14:00

In this session, Learning Curve Group Academy Manager, Greg Champman, will explain what to expect from the course, progression routes for further education and apprenticeships, longer-term job prospects and earning potential. You will also hear from a woman currently working in the trade industry and her experiences and career path, as well as from Women's Trade Network founding partners about why the initiative was launched and why it is important we increase diversity in the industry. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have throughout the hour-long session.

Level 2: Creating a Business Start-Up

12th May 2021

17:30-18:30

If you already hold a trade qualification but want to find out about new career opportunities this session will provide information on different roles available. Whether that's different types of contractor firms, one of our partner's in-house maintenance teams or to set up as a sole trader, our experts will guide you through the options. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and hear from people who have followed a similar path. We hope at the end of the session you will feel encouraged and excited to try something new - whether that be in full-time employment or as a sole trader.

[Click here to register for your chosen session](#) ▶

Founded by Plentific, Women's Pioneer Housing, Peabody, L&Q, Notting Hill Genesis, Direct Works, Chartered Institute for Housing and Places for People, The Women's Trade Network provides training and employment opportunities for women entering the trade industry.

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