

TRADE TALES



TTE MEET UP



Join us every month at Bevee's for our non-alcoholic meetups!

Upcoming Dates:

- October 6th, 2024
- November 3rd, 2024
- December 8th, 2024
(Christmas Party)

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Bevee's, Coquitlam

Thank you for helping us make these meet ups happen



BOOZE-FREE BOTTLE SHOP
& BEVERAGE ROOM



Our Trade and S.T.E.A.M.

Our monthly meet-ups focus on community building within the Trades and S.T.E.A.M. fields. We aim to create a welcoming and supportive environment where individuals can connect, share experiences, and build relationships that they may not have on the job site.

In addition to community building, our meet-ups offer valuable resources for those looking to enter or advance in the trades. We invite speakers from learning institutions and organizations like Skilled Trades BC, host work gear swap meets, and provide opportunities to network with professionals. Whether it's career advice or just a supportive environment, our goal is to equip attendees with the tools and connections they need for success.



Together We Grow

Our meet-ups are open to everyone 13+, whether you're in the industry, looking to join, or just offering support. We ensure a welcoming, inclusive space for all to connect and grow.



Join, Support, Thrive

If you want to join and support our community, connect with us:

- Website: www.toolstoempower.ca
- Instagram: @tools.to.empower
- Email: info@toolstoempower.ca

Be part of the movement building a stronger, more inclusive trades and S.T.E.A.M. community!

A Real Trailblazer

LISA SCOTT, SHE IS ONE OF THE INSPIRATIONS FOR TTE

Lisa Scott's journey into the electrical trade began unexpectedly. While working at a pulp mill shutdown, she was inspired by the tradespeople around her. One woman welder, in particular, sparked her interest in pursuing a trade. *"If she could do it, I could do it too,"* Afterward, she explored her options and chose to become an electrician—a decision driven by her desire to provide for her son as a single mother.

Lisa's impact didn't stop there. While working in maintenance for the school district, she saw an opportunity to promote trades and help create opportunities for young people. *"There have been many challenges, but having so many amazing people and organizations supporting me has made it easier to overcome barriers,"* she shares. Through collaborations with tradespeople, organizations, and businesses, she has helped make Discovery Trades Camps a success across various communities.

When it comes to her favorite project, Lisa says, *"I have to pick the electrical projects, but the water guns we make are a big hit—it's fun to watch the kids build and test them!"*

Although she doesn't have big dates planned at the moment, Lisa will be working with school districts in the Okanagan and Fort St. John in the coming months. For her Discovery Trades Camps, she's looking to secure dates in the new year.



Special Shout Out

CONSTRUCTION FOUNDATION OF BC & BC
CENTRE FOR WOMEN IN THE TRADES

for their ongoing support, as well as the tradespeople and organizations that have helped make her camps so successful.

"These camps are a true success because of everyone coming together for our youth,"

Say hello to our new team.

Board of Directors

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO WORK
WITH ALL OF YOU



Alycia Twigg

Diversity and Inclusion Advocate

- Advocates for gender equality and diversity.
- Performs treasurer duties, overseeing financial management and budgeting.
- Contributes ideas to create an inclusive and supportive environment.



Meghan McEwen

**Environmental/Sustainability
Director**

- Promotes environmental awareness and eco-friendly practices.
- Integrates sustainability into workshops and community programs



Jessica Andersen

**Director of Animal Projects and
Welfare**

- Oversees animal-related projects
- Ensures all projects are appropriate and aligned with our mission



Emilie Biela

Youth Director

- Engages and supports youth programs.
- Contributes to educational and developmental initiatives for young people.



Konrad Tarry

General Director

- Works with TTE to ensure smooth operations organization's goals.
- Supports decision-making and ensures overall success.



An Industry Inspiration

MEET SHAYLA GIROUX, A DESIGNER AND MAKER IN THE LOWER MAINLAND.

Shayla has a background in cabinet making and metal fabrication. *“My trades experience has always served as a foundation for creating and fabricating my own artwork.”* Beyond being an active apprentice in the cabinet-making trade, Shayla has also taken the leap into entrepreneurship, running her own successful business.

Not only are Shayla's birdhouses stunning, but they are also sustainably crafted. Using salvaged red cedar and old-growth wood pulled from Lillooet Lake, Shayla partners with her friend Cole Teetaert, a second-year forestry major at UBC, who mills the wood. For the past year, Shayla has exclusively sourced wood from Cole, and she even lends a hand with the salvaging and milling process.

What's next for Shayla

“While I have many projects in the works, I'm currently shifting focus as I've just started my Master of Design. My research is centered on labor politics, particularly within the skilled trades. Skilled labor is the backbone of our society, yet many key design, architectural, ethical, political and engineering decisions are made long before—and often disconnected from—the people doing the physical work. As a designer, I'm interested in the intersection of design and fabrication. How can we foster a culture in the architectural construction industry that's more accessible, sustainable, equitable, and livable for everyone at every stage of the process?”



Check out her Instagram
@SHAYLA_GIROUX