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Take a Walk in My Work Boots

When Kendall Shea drops her welding shield she gets a zen-like feeling she wouldn't pass up for any other job. Kendall registered with Office to Advance Women Apprentices NL as she was completing pre-employment training at College of the North Atlantic and stayed connected throughout her apprenticeship. Kendall says as a kid she was fascinated watching her father weld. "That curiosity stuck with me as I got older," she says. "I ... knew that's what I would do."

A Worthwhile Journey

With limited connections in the trade, Kendall pounded the streets for her next opportunity. "That was the hardest - people didn't know me. I'm five years in now, and nearing my Red Seal. People now know my name and my reputation in my trade." After packing up and moving to her hometown of Fleur de Lys, Kendall was unsure of her future, but within hours was offered a one-month contract with Guy J Bailey.

Proving Herself

"I was determined to prove myself ... and I worked as hard as I could, going above and beyond whenever possible. ... After that project, I was transferred to another," she says. "The company is great to work for and has been since day one. Now I have my own shop here, my own tools and space to complete my work. I can't see myself working anywhere but here. I'm part of the team, I'm close to home, and I'm doing what I love."

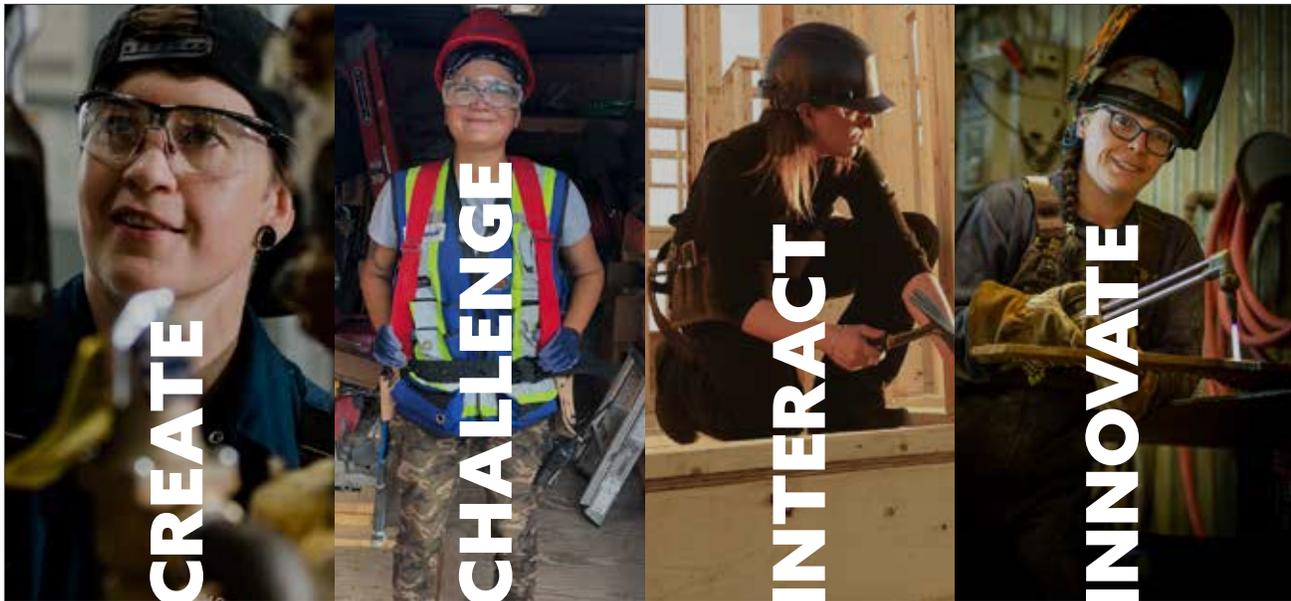
For Future Women

Kendall's advice to other women entering the trades is to stick with it if you really want it. "... Keep your focus and remember the end goal," she says. Keep working on it and you'll make it."

Find Your Zen

If you are a tradeswoman or woman interested in trades, register with our office to access the support and services you'll need as you advance through your apprenticeship.

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