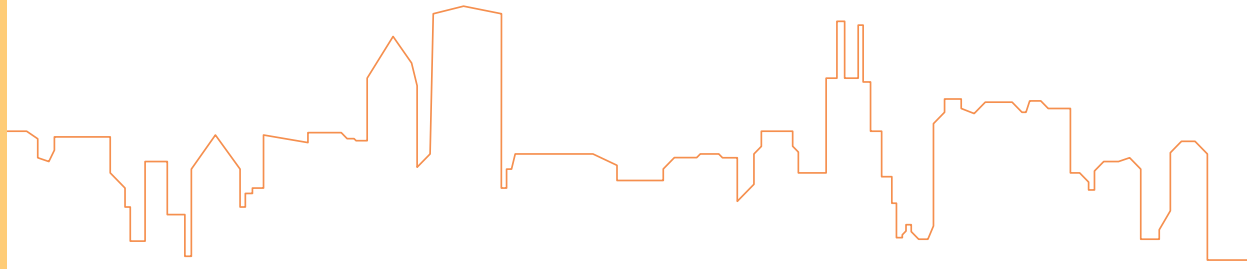


2016 WOMEN BUILD NATIONS

APRIL 29 - MAY 1, 2016

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The **WOMEN BUILD NATIONS** Conference is making history in 2016 as it convenes for the first time ever outside of California. Its new location in the Chicago area will serve as a central meeting ground for hosting tradeswomen from across North America – and the world – in hopes of creating our largest community yet.

Co-sponsored by Chicago Women in Trades and North America's Building Trades Unions, the 2016 **WOMEN BUILD NATIONS** Conference promises to be more exciting and productive than ever.

WOMEN BUILD NATIONS is the largest conference of its type in the world – and each year it grows stronger. When over 1,000 tradeswomen who work in every craft in the building and construction trades come together, it's powerful. We are a unique community that fosters a supportive environment that embraces and celebrates our diversity. We are stronger because of it!

WOMEN BUILD NATIONS is for women of all ages and all skill levels who work, or aspire to work, in the construction trades. The conference provides opportunities for networking, learning, and leadership development for all attendees, whether you are a pre-apprentice or a seasoned journeyman.

WOMEN BUILD NATIONS speaks to every tradeswoman's needs, offering workshops and plenary sessions facilitated by tradeswomen and featuring union leaders, apprenticeship coordinators, contractors and politicians. Workshop tracks include: New to the trades; Building your union and leadership skills; Staying strong in the trades; Policy issues and politics; and Beyond the tools.

While the percentage of women who work with the tools remains far too low, when we join together we become a force for change. This information-packed (and fun-filled) weekend will leave you with a renewed sense of purpose in your career, as well as new friends and memories to carry through life.



REGISTRATION FEE*: Conference registration fee includes two continental breakfasts, one lunch, and two receptions

\$100 per person (postmarked/submitted by February 29)
\$115 per person (postmarked/submitted by April 4)
\$150 per person (April 5 through paying at the door)

* \$15 discount (per person) for members of NABTU affiliated building trades unions.

THE INSTITUTE FOR RECRUITING & RETAINING WOMEN IN THE TRADES Friday, April 29

Separate event and registration fee (includes lunch)
\$75 per person (postmarked/submitted by April 22)
\$100 per person (April 23 through paying at the door)

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP: If your union or organization would like to sponsor a conference event or a group of pre-apprentices, donations will be gratefully accepted. Information on conference sponsorship can be found at http://chicagowomenintrades2.org/?page_id=719 or call Chicago Women in Trades at 312-942-1444.

VENDORS: A limited number of vendor tables are available. For more information call Chicago Women in Trades at 312-942-1444.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

If sending one check for multiple people, please indicate amount paid per person.

Make check payable to **Chicago Women in Trades** and mail with this form to *Chicago Women in Trades, 2444 W. 16th St., Suite 3E, Chicago, IL 60608*. Or register online at www.chicagowomenintrades2.org

Please print clearly! Complete one form for each attendee (make copies as needed).

NAME _____

BADGE NAME (IF DIFFERENT) _____

ORGANIZATION/UNION _____

LOCAL # _____

PRE-APPRENTICE

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL FOR ATTENDEE _____

To register on-line: www.chicagowomenintrades2.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 312-942-1444

WORKSHOPS

Here are some of the 2015 workshops. We have new workshops each year, so if you've come to the conference before, come on back.

NEW TO THE TRADES: Tools of the trades • Surviving and thriving in apprenticeship • Good first impression: Interviewing **BUILDING YOUR UNION AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS:** Unions 101: History and structure • Leadership 101: Taking the reins • How to influence others: Public speaking **STAYING STRONG IN THE TRADES:** How to be a good mentor/mentee • LGBTQ in the trades • Dealing with a hostile workplace **POLICY ISSUES AND POLITICS:** The attack on unions, jobs, workers • Policy 411 for tradeswomen • What are Project Labor Agreements and why care? **BEYOND THE TOOLS:** Higher education options • Career ladders in construction • Tradeswomen history: learning from our past

Also, caucuses by trade, entertainment, networking and much more...

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE **

FRIDAY APRIL 29	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	The Institute for Recruiting & Retaining Women in the Trades (formerly the Pre-Apprenticeship Training Institute)
	2 - 8 p.m.	Registration
	5 - 7 p.m.	Meet and Greet
SATURDAY APRIL 30	7:00 a.m.	Registration
	7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
	8:30 a.m.	Welcome Plenary
	10:30 a.m.	Workshop Session I
	12:15 p.m.	Lunch & Plenary
	2:30 p.m.	Workshop Session II
SUNDAY MAY 1	4:15 p.m.	Caucus by Trade
	6:00 p.m.	Conference Reception
	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
	8:00 a.m.	Workshop Session III
	9:45 a.m.	Workshop Session IV
	11:30 a.m.	Final Plenary
	1:30 p.m.	Bus Departs to Chicago Labor's May Day Demonstrations

** Note: Agenda subject to change!

THE INSTITUTE FOR RECRUITING & RETAINING WOMEN IN THE TRADES

On April 29, the conference will hold the third annual Institute for Recruiting and Retaining Women in the Trades (formerly Pre-Apprenticeship Training Institute). Pre-apprenticeship training program providers, employers, registered apprenticeship programs, workforce practitioners, and other industry stakeholders are invited to network and learn from a variety of successful program models. (Note: this event is for practitioners – not for pre-apprentices – and requires separate registration from the 2016 Women Build Nations Conference.) Workshops, round-tables and speakers will enable attendees to share experiences and best practices for recruiting and engaging women in your programs and successfully placing them into construction apprenticeships.



MORE WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2016 WOMEN BUILD NATIONS CONFERENCE!

VIDEOS: Send us your videos about working in the trades to show during the conference. (Maximum length is 3 minutes – no exceptions!) All videos must be on DVD or USB flash drive and received by Chicago Women in Trades no later than April 8.

UNION BANNERS: We can't hang these on the walls, but please bring your union banner for the "banner parade" – always a great photo op!

ITEMS FOR THE TRADESWOMEN ARCHIVES: Bring photos and memorabilia of yourself (or friends) on the job. Be prepared to tell your story of working in the trades!

OTHER CHICAGO WOMEN IN TRADES EVENTS: CWIT will be hosting several pre- and post-conference activities, including:

- Open house at Chicago Women in Trades: Thursday, April 28
- Chicago labor history tour: Friday, April 29
- Chicago Labor's May Day demonstrations: Sunday, May 1

For more information, and to register for these events, go to www.chicagowomenintrades2.org

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Crowne Plaza O'Hare Hotel & Conference Center, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018
Rate: \$125.00 per room (plus tax) Women Build Nations negotiated group rate

Rates based on single or double occupancy; while rooms available

GROUP RATE CODE: NAB **GROUP RATE CUT-OFF DATE:** April 7

To reserve: 877-270-1393 or online at <http://bit.ly/WBNhotel>

GETTING THERE

IF FLYING:

Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD) – recommended

Chicago O'Hare is only 2.5 miles from the hotel. The Crowne Plaza O'Hare's complimentary shuttle picks up domestic passengers at Door 2 of the Bus/Shuttle Center (just follow the red Bus/Shuttle Center signs). International travelers must use the courtesy phones in the baggage area to schedule a pick-up.

Chicago Midway Airport (MDW)

Midway is 19 miles from the Crowne Plaza O'Hare Hotel; a taxi will cost \$50 or more. By public transit (approx. 2 hours): Take the Orange Line to the Loop, exit at Clark/Lake and transfer to the Blue Line, exit at Rosemont and walk four blocks north or exit at O'Hare and take the complimentary hotel shuttle.

IF DRIVING:

From downtown Chicago: Take 90 West, exit River Road, turn right.

From the North: Take 294 South to 190 East, exit 1B, merge onto River Road.

From the South: Take 90 (or 294 to 190 West), exit River Road, turn right.

From the West: Take 88 East to 294 North to 190 West, exit River Road, turn right.

From Midway: Drive north on Cicero to 55 West to 294 North to 190 West, exit River Road, turn right.