

WORKING FORWARD

STORIES OF WOMEN IN CAREERS IN TRADES

Career Pathways for Women and Girls:

Emergent & Non-traditional Occupations and Industries [Viable Work]

BROOKE

Vehicle Spray Painter

I became a spray painter 4 years ago having entered my trade at 19 years of age. I completed my apprenticeship after having been involved in an NRMA Jumpstart program for women. This course and with support from my family encouraged me to go on with a qualification.

There are positive and negative features of my trade. I like the laid back environment of work but I think it is going to be hard to manage a family, and there are lots of toxic chemicals involved in my job.

I still would recommend girls and women enter a trade in vehicle spray painting but they do need to research it properly and learn about the job and what it entails. It should all depend on them really and what they want.

But perhaps there should be more talk about jobs at school and how your subject electives can help you plan a future.

We should encourage and support women to enter these areas and forge careers in them.

We need Women's Group Training Companies and more women in trade TAFE teaching, and mentors to see change.



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