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WOMEN IN TRADES CAREER FAIR

Many of the union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs hosted exhibits at the Oregon Tradeswomen's Career Fair held May 19 at the IBEW Local 48 hall in Northeast Portland. More than a thousand people attended. The previous day, nearly 1,500 high school and middle school students from various districts attended. The annual fair offers women and students an introduction to the jobs, skills, and benefits of a career in the building, mechanical, electrical, and utility trade, all while helping the industry build a diverse work-

force. Participants got the opportunity to try out tools, make things to take home, find out about training opportunities, and meet successful tradeswomen, including Melinda Wilson (top left), a new journeyman at Operating Engineers Local 701; apprentice Rosa Rivera of Roofers Local 49 (top right); Chelsea Althaus, a hazardous waste specialist at Metro, and Kari Meyer, a project manager (bottom left); Jani Turner (bottom center), a new journeyman at Laborers Local 737; and women from the Portland Water Bureau (bottom right). Rivera recently qualified to compete in the Western Regional Roofers apprenticeship contest to be held in Los Angeles later this summer.

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