

Nicole Wiet

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - March 2023



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 15 years

Union: IUEC

Local: 82

City: Vancouver, BC

Bio

Nicole Wiet (she/her) is a journey-level IUEC elevator constructor and only the fourth woman to achieve this distinction in her local, in which she served two terms on the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 82 Executive Board. She followed her father and grandfather into the elevator trade. She is a founding member and currently the President of the British Columbia Tradeswomen Society, a partner in obtaining government funding to improve the culture and retention of tradeswomen and other underrepresented groups.

She sits on the governance committee for the BC Centre for Women in the Trades and was on the planning committee as well as a speaker at the inaugural Women Build BC Conference for tradeswomen in 2021. She has had the opportunity to be interviewed and speak to the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the trades and continues to work hard to improve the trades in these areas.

Outside of her trades work she is part of a group of women that created the South Sisters, which is a soccer supporters' group that fosters a safe and inclusive place for all. She enjoys traveling with her husband and spending time with her niece, who she hopes



will become a fourth-generation elevator mechanic.

Why Nicole Was Nominated

I am nominating Nicole Wiet because I believe she epitomizes NABTU's core value of solidarity for all workers. She has repeatedly shown that she will rise to the challenge of hard work not only on the job but also in the labour movement as well as her community at large.

Nicole is a constant and vocal advocate for equity in the skilled trades and continues to educate herself on inclusion and justice issues. She brings this perspective to both her union and activist work at the same time as being a welcoming and encouraging presence who seeks to make space for all. Nicole is a committed ally and activist, and deserves to be recognized for going above and beyond to make the world a better place.