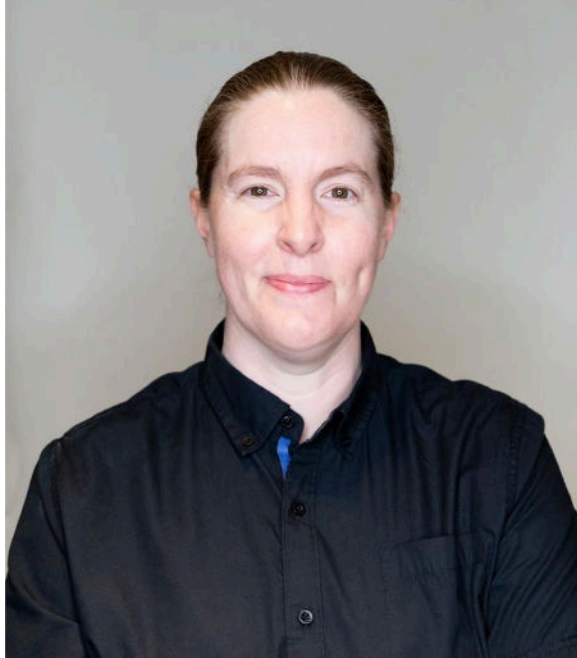


Andrea Durdle

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - January 2025



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 17 years

Union: UA

Local: 324

City: Victoria, British Columbia

Bio

I am a Red Seal Plumber, Class B Gas-fitter, Piping Trades instructor at my local union and community college, located in Victoria British Columbia, Canada. I am also the chair of the local 324 women's committee, sit on the advisory board for the Construction Centre of Excellence in Washington State, and have worked to create a curriculum in trades training that educates apprentices on the importance of equity, diversity, and inclusion in the trades.

Seeing the growth in numbers and retention of people from underrepresented groups in the skilled trades is very important to me. I am proud to be able to share my knowledge with future generations of tradespeople as an educator and to contribute to creating safe and inclusive workplaces within my local union.

I also often teach Women in Trades Exploration programs at my local college as well as instruct at summer camps for young women to make them aware of the amazing opportunities in the skilled trades.



Why Nominate Andrea?

It is a joy and inspiration to know Andrea in her many roles throughout our trades community, both locally and nationally: Not only does she teach pipe trades at the local college, chair the diversity committee at UA 324, and volunteer regularly with grassroots trades events, she also sits on the board of directors of the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, sharing her experiences as both an educator and a tradesperson with policymakers at a national level.

She is known for providing a compassionate and knowledgeable ear to any and all who need it, often outside of her official working hours. Andrea's professionalism and intelligence are combined with kindness and unwavering confidence in the ability of her students, union siblings, and community members to find their place and thrive in the skilled trades.