YWCA Toronto has partnered with the Finishing Trades Institute (FTI), the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades to bring you a unique, women-focused pre-apprenticeship training program to become a commercial painter-decorator.

**BENEFITS AND GAINS**
- Certified instructors
- Basic work tools
- Text books
- Women-focused learning environment
- Ontario’s only licensed training centre
- Safety equipment
- Refresher math
- Transportation supports *(restrictions apply)*

**ELIGIBILITY**
- Women and gender diverse people, 16 years and older
- Minimum grade 10 education
- Resident of and able to work in Ontario
- Willing and able to commit to 27 weeks intensive training program
- Possess or be eligible to obtain a valid driver’s license
- Physically able to work in a variety of construction work environments
- Possess appropriate hand-eye coordination and manual dexterity

**PROGRAM START DATE:** **SPRING 2023**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:**
Amina Shah at **ashah@ywcatronto.org** or **416.964.3883**
■ Trade Academic Upgrading – Online, 2 weeks  
   TBA | Monday through Friday—8a.m.–1p.m.  
   Calculations, metric conversion of area, scale conversion, grammar, trade specific research data/reports, trade terminology, and computer literacy.

■ Health and Safety Training – 1 week  
   TBA | Tuesday through Friday—8a.m.–1p.m.  
   Safety training for the trade including Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA) Working at Heights, Fall Arrest, Powered Elevated Work Platforms (PEWPs), Scaffold, Swing Stage, Rigging, and more.

■ Level 1 Certificate – 11 weeks  
   TBA | Monday through Friday—8a.m.–3:30p.m  
   • Level 1 training (Primary trade – 8 weeks) – Basic apprenticeship including hands-on projects at the Toronto FTI site.  
   • Hands on Training (Primary trade – 1 week) – Application of skills, visit to employers.  
   • Exposure training (Secondary trade – 2 weeks) – Secondary trade training.

■ Job Readiness • Life Skills – 1 week  
   TBA | Monday through Thursday—9a.m.–1p.m.  
   Self-management, interpersonal skills, problem solving, and communication skills.

■ Work Placement – 12 weeks  
   TBA | Hours as required by employer  
   Paid work placement with local employer for this trade.

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TRAINING LOCATION

■ Finishing Trade Institute  
   (Academic Upgrading/Skills Training)  
   130 Toro Road, Unit C, Toronto, ON  M3J 2A9