Workforce Development: Touch A Trade

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Learning Objectives

Appraise the value of the Touch a Trade event as a viable workforce development strategy.

Identify aspects of workforce development likely to promote exclusion and equity.

Assess the applicability of the program to other communities, and what would need to change for such implementation.

Explore the potential for cooperation between different workforce development initiatives.
TOOLS
are extensions of the human hand...

...they were the first works of art.
Planning Process
Help us build a better future for the trades

Communities across America have a problem. As tradespeople are retiring and fewer youth are entering the trades, contractors and homeowners are facing a shortage of skills and experience. Now is the time for communities to mobilize to ensure the transfer of knowledge to the next generation.

Touch a Trade is an initiative designed to address this problem by sparking the individual’s interest in working with their hands. We are looking for like-minded organizations to partner with us in our mission to support the development of the next generation of trades and craftspeople.

This first year will be focused on hosting the first annual Touch a Trade event on Saturday, October 22nd 2022 at the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association in Kent, CT.

If you would like to join us in making the trades matter to the next generation, we are looking for both partners in our overall mission and sponsors of specific activities.

All donations will be processed through our fiscal sponsor HatchSpace, and are tax deductible.
How to Become a Touch a Trade Presenter

To learn more about being a presenter, please download the How to Become a Touch a Trade Presenter presentation below.

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How to Become a Touch a Trade Supporter

To learn more about being a sponsor or partner, please download the How to Become a Touch a Trade Partner presentation below.
A graduate of Dranzeit College of Applied Arts, & Technology majoring in Business Marketing. Nancy grew up in Canada and worked in marketing, accounting, and public relations before moving to the U.S. Joining MPH in 2016, Nancy started part-time as an office assistant before transitioning to a full-time role. She has added support to the team during the current years, fine-tuning creative strategies to support project goals and a mentor in relation to the job site and the office. Hopeing things improve, a conversation with a carpenter is as well, aligning the gap between the office and the job site.

Marc Audette
ELECTRICAL EXPERIENCE
Wine a Lamp

Marc Audette is a Connecticut licensed Electrical Contractor who has been in the electrical profession for over 35 years. He studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of New Haven. He began his career working in Boston, MA performing commercial, industrial, marine and residential work. Marc has worked as a Project Manager and Construction Superintendent, gaining experience in all phases of his profession. Through his work in the field, he saw areas of the trade that could be improved upon and designed a process of operating as a partnership. His approach is about collaboration with lighting specialists, contractors, vendors, architects, designers, and most importantly the homeowners. This idea started the idea to pursue work in this area. He obtained his Master Electrician license and formed Audette Electrical Contractors in 1999. He founded and ran Audette for over 20 years, focusing on re-sidential, new construction, and new construction developments. He is a Certified Lighting Designer-Certified Lighting Designer and a Certified Lighting Designer Specialist.

Kevin Brown
WATER SYSTEMS EXPERIENCE
Bulldust West

EWG has been in business since 1999, and has proudly served the community with an unparalleled range of water services for residents, commercial, and industrial applications. In 2009, Kevin was founded and acquired the leading brands of Eastern Water and in 2011, Franchise Group Inc. purchased Eastern Waterworks. Services include a wide range of equipment, services, and installation of water treatment systems.

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