

# October is Women's History Month

*"If you have imagination and you can add skill to that imagination, then you can go anywhere and do anything."*

*Lana Frazer, welder*



1. A collective effort of Government of Yukon, YWITT (Yukon Women in Trades and Technology), Yukon College, Skills Canada, women's groups and a number of local businesses, *Young Women Exploring Trades* annually introduces Grade 8 students from across the territory to first-hand experiences in the trades. (YWITT photo)
2. Betty Irwin was the first woman in Canada to obtain an Interprovincial Ticket as a Radio and Television Service Technician. In 2000, she co-founded YWITT. (Elda Ward and Elizabeth McKee, Yukon Women Non-Traditional Occupations publication photo)
3. YWITT sponsors home repair clinics, teaching women the basic skills for DIY projects. (YWITT photo)
4. Tara Christie is a working partner in a family placer mining business, Gimlex Gold Mines. She was the president of the Klondike Placer Miners' Association from 2001 to 2003 and the Executive Director from 2003-2005. (Chera Hanchuk photo)
5. Sponsored by Advanced Education, *Youth Exploring Trades* summer camps give youth the opportunity to learn trades in a hands-on atmosphere. (Anne Birnie photo)
6. Lucille Hunter owned three gold mines in the Dawson City area in the early 1930s, as well as a silver claim in Mayo. (Richard Harrington fonds, 79/27 #277.)

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## WOMEN IN TRADES – BUILDING YUKON COMMUNITIES