



Jamie McMillan

**Professional Keynote Speaker
Made in the Trades
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Jamie became an ironworker in 2002 when women only represented 2% of the workforce across Canada and the United States. She thoroughly understands the struggles and challenges of working a male-dominated workforce and is on a mission to break down the negative misconceptions and stereotypes. Through Made in the Trades, Jamie travels approximately 30 weeks a year, providing engaging keynote presentations and workshops to more than 50,000 students, parents, educators and employers each year across North America. Her efforts have gained international notoriety for opening doors and minds to the possibilities of well-paid careers in skilled trades and technology sectors. Over the years, Jamie has received the Top 20 Under 40 Award for making an impact in the metal trades as well as the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Champion Award and District School Board of Niagara Technology Education Partnership Award for her commitment to youth in schools across the province of Ontario. In 2018, she received the Hamilton YWCA Women of Distinction Award for being a trailblazer excelling in her field, promoting leadership and equal advancement opportunities. In 2019 Jamie was named a co-chair on a National Skilled Trades Advisory Committee to create a campaign to promote careers in skilled trades as first choice pathways to youth for the Canadian Federal Government by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Jamie continues to speak professionally across North America, works on various construction projects whenever possible and enjoys helping out at a homeless shelter for women. Most recently, Jamie joined the Helmets to Hardhats Canada team as an outreach specialist, providing career opportunities in the building trades for serving, transitioning and former members of the military.