

## Opening up Industrial-Technical Occupations to Girls (1981)

### Abstract

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Between 1978 and 1985, the Federal Ministry for Education and Research conducted a pilot program on “opening up industrial and technical occupations to girls.” The program focused on jobs in which the percentage of women was less than 5% (1978). Overall, 1,232 young women participated in the program in 21 locations and then started their professional training in 217 companies and professional training schools. The German Postal Service, one third of whose employees were women at the time (1981), also participated in the program and trained women as telecommunications technicians. This photograph shows practical training in the Postal Service training center.

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Source: Original caption: The training [ . . . ] includes hands-on instruction in materials processing, cable assembly, and electrotechnical skills. Bundesbildstelle, image no. 60 687/19.

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