



L-R: James Leland, Mike McKoryk and Jordan Daniels from Ironworkers Local 97  
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# So you wanna be an Ironworker?

Skeena Native Development was very excited to host an “Ironworkers Information Session” June 3rd. James Leland, Mike McKoryk, and Jordan Daniels-representatives from Ironworkers Local 97-were on hand to inform individuals of this thrilling and often under-touted trade.

Ironworking is a rigorous job that involves working entirely in the outdoors and, infamously, at great heights. Ironworking involves “fabricating and the handling of structural shapes in the erection, demolition, repair or routine maintenance of steel structures, such as buildings, towers, cranes and bridges”. “There is a necessity to travel”, explained James to a crowd of over one dozen. Ironworkers can be seen scaling tall buildings and bridges across the globe.

Jordan Daniels shared his passion for Ironworking as he addressed the crowd. Speaking with great conviction, this young apprentice was very effective at informing the audience of what a “cool” trade Ironworking is. “Ironworking is the UFC of construction” he says, “knowing you have contributed to major [and often world renowned] structures gives you a huge sense of accomplishment...people respect ironworkers.”

Ironworking is relevant to all of the economic activity that is anticipated in the Northwest. Starting an apprenticeship now, will put someone in a prime position to capitalize on the many opportunities coming to our region, including the RioTinto modernization project and increased mining activity. The push for individuals to consider a skilled trade increases as more journeymen retire each year.

**Skeena Native Development has formed a unique partnership with the Ironworkers Local 97 and has reserved 6 seats at the only training institute for Ironworking, BCIT. Skeena Native Development is prepared to assist individuals with tuition, books, supplies, accommodation and wage subsidy for the duration of training. If Ironworking sounds like a career path for you, call our office to begin the application process.**

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