



THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

NUPGE Mental Health Conference

October 28 and 29, 2010

The National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) is holding a conference on mental health in Ottawa on October 28 and 29, 2010 at the Minto Suite Hotel.

Given the particular nature of the issues facing youth and mental health problems, and the importance of early identification, the national union is requesting that the components select individuals who deal more with youths as opposed to those who focus exclusively on adult services.

PEI UPSE asks interested members to submit a written essay that includes the issues you face in your workplace while dealing with youth (and adults) with mental health problems. You are asked to include your involvement with PEI UPSE, e.g., your participation in local meetings, union education, and any other union participation. Also, explain how this conference would be beneficial to you and your workplace.

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Please submit your essay and interest to attend this conference to the PEI UPSE office by October 1, 2010 at 1 p.m. The PEI UPSE office will notify successful applicants.

As per PEI UPSE policy, all participants are required to submit a written overview of the conference within thirty days of attending. If a review is not completed, the member will not be eligible to attend future off Island sponsored events.

The following PEI UPSE member's occupational groups and sectors will be considered to attend this important conference: Psychiatric Nursing staff, Addiction and Detox Counselors, Child Mental Health Therapists, Mental Health Counselors, Youth Treatment Centres, Mental Health Outreach Workers, Psychiatric Social Workers, Correctional Officers, and Probation Officers.

Please note, the majority of participants selected will be from the youth sector. PEI UPSE will select some participants from the adult sector as well. The conference focuses on early prevention and therefore, requires input from members working in the youth sector. NUPGE will gather information on early detection and prevention in regard to the mental health issues our youth and adults face.

The Accent is an internal publication of the Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees. Comments, questions, concerns and suggestions should be sent to: Mark Barrett, UPSE Communications and Campaigns Officer, at mbarrett@peiupse.ca.

Note to members distributing The Accent:

Because the material contained in this publication is often of a time-sensitive nature, please post or distribute it as soon as possible.

UPSE is proud to represent over 5000 members in the public and private sectors.

Labour Day Picnic

Monday, September 6, 2010

4-6 p.m. at Victoria Park, Charlottetown

The PEI Federation of Labour will hold its 6th Annual Labour Day Picnic and Barbecue on Monday, September 6, 2010 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Victoria Park in Charlottetown. Everyone is welcome - please spread the word to your members and their families. There will be entertainment, games for the kids, hot dogs and corn. For further information please contact the Federation of Labour office at 902-368-3068.

Federation of Labour's Annual Convention

November 5 and 6, 2010

at the Rodd Charlottetown

The PEI Federation of Labour is holding their 46th

Annual Convention on

November 5 and 6, 2010 at

the Rodd Charlottetown. If

you are a PEI UPSE member

in good standing and are

interested in attending the Convention, please call the

Union office at 902-892-5335 or toll free at 1-800-897-

8773, or email peiupse@peiupse.ca by October 15, 2010.

The Convention provides a great way to learn about and

get involved with labour issues. As a delegate, you will be

able to vote on resolutions, listen to speakers, and elect

members to fill vacancies on the Federation's executive.



Labour Day

Monday, September 6, 2010

Monday, September 6, 2010 is Labour Day. This holiday affords us the opportunity to spend time with family and friends and to reflect on and celebrate worker solidarity here in PEI and right across Canada.

Labour Day has been celebrated on the first Monday in September in Canada since the 1890s. Its origins can be traced back to April 14, 1872, when the Toronto Trades Assembly organized Canada's first significant demonstration / parade for workers' rights. The Toronto Trades Assembly was a significant organization and encouraged workers to form trade unions. There was enormous public support for the demonstration and it generated greater awareness about the important role that trade unions had to play in the emerging Canadian society. Canadian trade unions are proud that Labour Day was originally inspired by their efforts to improve workers' rights.

UPSE Golf Tournament

The Union's annual golf tournament will be held on October 2, 2010 at the Mill River Golf Course. Tee off

times begin at 10:30 a.m. The first fifteen (15) teams of four (4) to register at the union office will be accepted.

The registration fee is \$45.00 per player (\$180.00 per team) and includes green fees and golf car rental. Fees must be paid at time of registration. The tournament will follow a 'best ball' format. PEI UPSE's code of conduct will be in effect.