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Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Weeklong Labour School 2017

The Labour School runs from Sunday afternoon October 15th until Friday afternoon October 20th, 2017. The school will be held at the NSGEU office in Dartmouth Nova Scotia. PEI UPSE is working collaboratively with NSGEU and NBU on a number of issues and labour education is one of them. NSGEU has graciously offered both UPSE and NBU seats so that our members can attend the weeklong school. Course descriptions are as follows....



Advanced Steward: The Advanced Steward training course is designed to develop the knowledge and skills of stewards. It covers concepts like duty to accommodate, just cause and the duty of fair representation. It also develops techniques for investigating grievances, meeting with management, problem solving as well as workplace leadership and education. This course includes lots of role playing to build your confidence.

Eligibility: the course is open to stewards who have completed Steward Level II. Preference will be given to Chief Stewards, to those with a track record of recent activity as a steward, and involvement in the union. To be eligible you cannot have previously attended this course.

Leadership: The Leadership course develops skills necessary for today's leaders in the labour movement. It will review critical issues facing the labour movement while also working on important skills like strategic planning, team building, self-assessment, decision making and critical analysis.

Eligibility: The Leadership course is open to those who are already in a leadership position within the union, for example, Board members, Local Executive members, Committee members and Chairs. Applicants must have experience in an elected leadership position within UPSE, or being mentored to seek one. To be eligible you cannot have previously attended this course.

Talking Mobilizing Among Generations: Workplaces are rapidly changing as a new generation enters the workforce. There are at least 4 generations trying to work together and we need the participation from multiple generations to run this course successfully. Its purpose is to increase your awareness of the needs and realities of the members of different generations in the union and the workplace. The course will build your level of comfort and skill to engage in meaningful cross-generational dialogue, in order to make and ensure our workplaces are safe and healthy for all. Union membership has to be active to make gains, protect what we have won, or work out new ways of coming together to achieve our goals in the workplace.

Eligibility: This course is open to those who have demonstrated an interest or aptitude for membership mobilizing, political action, public speaking or organizing within the union. You cannot have previously attended this “generations” mobilizing course, but you may still be considered if you have attended a previous /other mobilizing course.

***Interested members in good standing may print an application via the link on the UPSE website and submit to the UPSE office by September 22, 2017 at 4 p.m.
If you are interested in more than one course, please list them in order of preference.***

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

UPSE Travel and Wage Repayment policies will be in effect.

Successful applicants will be expected to carpool.

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