

# THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

## CLC Convention, 2011 Call for PEI UPSE Members to Attend



Congrès du travail du Canada

Canadian Labour Congress

The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees is issuing a call for members to attend the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) Convention taking place from May 9 to May 13, 2011 at the Vancouver Convention Centre in British Columbia, Canada. The Convention will be dedicated to Shirley G.E. Carr, President Emeritus of the CLC, who passed away in 2010. PEI UPSE members in good standing wishing to attend the CLC Convention must submit a 1-2 page essay to the union office by 4:00 pm on Monday, April 4, 2011. Applicants will be selected based on having a strong record of previous participation and volunteerism with PEI UPSE, CLC and the Federation of Labour. Successful applicants will be notified by April 6, 2011.

### Essay criteria:

- Outline key CLC issues and how they are relevant to our membership and our province
- List the PEI UPSE, NUPGE and CLC events (including Fed of Labour) you have attended over the past three years and the nature of your involvement

### Member criteria:

- Must be a member in good standing with PEI UPSE
- Must have an interest in and good knowledge of PEI UPSE and its current policies and activities through active involvement as an executive officer, director, chairperson or member of a committee, or as a member-at-large
- Must have demonstrated regular attendance at Executive, Board, Committee, Local or CLC/Fed of Labour meetings
- Must have good knowledge of any major topics scheduled for discussion at CLC Convention
- Members are required to use vacation time to attend the CLC Convention

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, PEI UPSE Communications and Campaigns Officer, at [mbarrett@peiupse.ca](mailto: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.

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# Week Long Labour School

## Call for PEI UPSE Members to Attend



The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees is issuing a call for members to attend a week-long labour school to be held at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia from June 5 to 10, 2011. PEI UPSE members in good standing are eligible to apply. Application forms are available on the union website at [www.peiupse.ca](http://www.peiupse.ca), or by calling the PEI UPSE office at 902-892-5335 or toll free at 1-800-897-8773. The application deadline is 4:00 pm on Friday, April 8, 2011.

Course descriptions and eligibility criteria are as follows (*space is limited, eligibility does not guarantee admission*):

### 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, decision-making and critical analysis.*

#### ELIGIBILITY

*The Leadership course is open to those who are already in a leadership position within the union, such as local executive members and Board members. Applicants must have experience in elected leadership positions within PEI UPSE. To be eligible, you cannot have previously attended this course.*

### Communications

*The Communications course will help activists and leadership improve their public speaking skills. It will cover concepts like messaging and framing the speaking voice, presentation skills, and skill building. Skill building will include crafting the message, talking to the media and talking on camera. You will be expected to make presentations and speak on the camera during this course.*

#### ELIGIBILITY

*This course is open to those who have demonstrated an interest in, or aptitude for, internal or external communications with the local or the union. Preference will be given to those in leadership roles within the union. To be eligible, you cannot have previously attended this course.*

### Advanced Steward Training

*The Advanced Steward training course develops 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, meetings with management, problem solving as well as workplace leadership education.*

#### ELIGIBILITY

*The Advanced Steward training course is open to stewards who have attained Steward Level II. Preference will be given to those with a track record of activity as a steward and those with a track record of involvement with the union. To be eligible, you cannot have previously attended this course.*

### Organizing and Mobilizing

*The Organizing & Mobilizing course will focus on aspects or organizing the unorganized and will focus on legal requirements, trust building, visiting potential members, card signing and building a movement. In addition, it will help you develop skills to organize and mobilize the membership for workplace and public campaigns on behalf of the union.*

#### ELIGIBILITY

*This course is open to those who have demonstrated some interest or aptitude for membership mobilizing, political action or organizing. To be eligible, you cannot have previously attended this course.*

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