

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Educationals: March 8, 2013

Best Western, Charlottetown (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)

Steward Training Level IV: The Steward as Educator

Education of union members is crucial to the survival of local unions. The *Steward as Educator* is designed to assist the steward, local union leader, or local union activist, develop skills and confidence in educating members around union issues in the workplace and issues that affect the workplace and community issues of the day.



The course offers new ideas and methods of discussing membership education and communication, and offers participants a look at how they can strategize around making union education and the role of steward a crucial part of the local union culture.

Prerequisite: Members should have "Steward Level 1, and II" in order to take the Level IV training.

Please contact Mary at the UPSE office by March 1, 2013 at 902-892-5335, toll free at 1-800-897-8773, or email (peiupse@peiupse.ca) to register.

This Bulletin 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.

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Health & Safety: New Strategies for Building Enforcement and Bargaining

The *New Strategies for Building Enforcement and Bargaining* provides both new and experienced activists with new tools to deal with health, safety and environment skills. Using an organizing and building activism theme, the course covers leadership skills, problem solving and representation skills for activists who are union representatives on joint health and safety committees and environment committees. The course also covers how to get government inspectors to enforce health and safety laws. For bargaining, the course allows participants to build their skills in preparing for negotiations, writing contract language, and developing bargaining strategy.

Building Our Union through Media and Communication

This 15 hour media course is important because, as trade unionists working in our locals, labour councils, coalitions, etc., we need to be able to relate to, and use the media on a regular basis to get our message out. We need to let the public and our members know where the labour movement is on issues, and what we are doing. This course will make participants more comfortable dealing with the media including sending press releases, organizing press conferences, being interviewed by the media, writing letters, op-eds, articles, etc., and becoming familiar with other media outreach tools that our members are using, including the social media.

Prerequisite: Members should have the "Welcome to UPSE" course before taking either of the two courses above.

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Working Together Toward a Culture of Safety

Friday, April 26, 2013 8:00am - 4:30pm

Confederation Centre of the Arts, Charlottetown, PEI

Cost: \$125 per person (includes lunch)

The 2013 WCB Workplace Health & Safety Conference features workshops on a wide range of workplace safety topics, as well as a comprehensive trade show of products and services from Atlantic Canada's health and safety community.

To register (online) for the WCB Health and Safety Conference visit www.wcb.pe.ca

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