

Aboriginal & Workers of Colour Conference 2017

REJECTING THE POLITICS OF DIVISION

KEYNOTE: MICHAEL ETHERINGTON

Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Sandy Hudson - Black Lives Matter Toronto

Gilary Massa - National Council of Canadian Muslims

Crystal Sinclair - Idle No More & Indigenous Mobilization Unit

WORKSHOPS (IDENTIFY 1ST & 2ND CHOICES)

- Indigenous People - Reality & Struggles in 150+
- Resisting Islamophobia
- I can't work if I can't breathe - Mass Incarceration
- Nobody Chooses to be a Refugee
- Youth - Building an Interactive Labour Movement

Name: _____

Union/Org: _____

Address: _____

City & Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Childcare: ___Y/N Number of children & ages _____

Allergies: ___Y/N Details _____

Support needs for Differently Abled _____

All food is Halal with vegetarian options. Childcare booking deadline May 15th.
Space is limited - No on-site registration. All attendees must be pre-registered.



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Black Lives Matter



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Saturday June 3, 2017

Registrant check-in 8:00am. Conference 9am to 4:30pm

1377 Lawrence Ave East (IBEW Local 353), North York

Registration fee \$60 Early Bird deadline April 30. \$75 from May 1 onwards

Cheque payable to Toronto & York Region Labour Council

Mail payment & registration to 15 Gervais Drive, Ste 407, Toronto ON M3C 1Y8

Info? council@labourcouncil.ca or call 416 441 3663 x221

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Bromley L. Armstrong Award Dinner and Fundraiser for Labour Community Services - Toronto

"A commitment to developing a deep and lasting social solidarity between labour and community, to achieve a just and equitable society for all".

The Bromley L. Armstrong Award recognizes the dedication and contributions made by a civil right leader that demonstrate outstanding leadership and commitment to promoting human rights.

Labour Community Services is committed to achieving a just and equitable society for all.

The Labour Community Services of Metropolitan Toronto is a partnership between United Way Toronto & York Region and the Toronto & York Region Labour Council

Join Us!

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Tickets: \$100.00/pp

Table of 8: \$750

Toronto Don Valley Hotel,
175 Wynford Dr, Toronto

Doors & Cash Bar open at 6:00 pm

Dinner will be served at 7 pm

You can purchase your tickets by ordering tickets from the Labour Community Services.

Name: _____

Union/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Halal Food, please circle your choice

Chicken Fish Vegetarian

Please make the payment
cheque payable to Labour
Community Services -
Toronto and mail it to:

15 Gervais Drive, Suite 603
Toronto, Ontario
M3C 1Y8, Canada
Phone: 416.445.5819

Complimentary parking - Please register your car's license plate with the front desk.

For further information, please contact
Olivia at 416.445.5819 ext. 21 or
by email to info@labourcommunityservices.ca.
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CUPE 2073

MEMBERS AT THE CANADIAN HEARING SOCIETY HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE SINCE MARCH 6TH.

Members at the Canadian Hearing Society have been on strike since March 6th.

Our employer has not even been willing to come back to the bargaining table since the strike began.

We have not had a new contract in four years – four years. And our employer proposes to completely gut our sick leave plan.

We want to get back to the jobs we love, supporting the Deaf, Oral Deaf, Deafened and Hard of Hearing community.

Please tell the CHS that you support workers in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Tell them to come back to the table and solve this with us in a respectful way.

Email:
CHS CEO Julia Dumanian, jdumanian@chs.ca
CHS Board Chair Timothy Andrade, boardchair@chs.ca
TTY: 1-877-216-7310
Toll free: 1-877-347-3427

2073.cupe.ca



ONE SOLUTION REVOLUTION

21-22, Multifaith Centre, 569 Spadina Avenue

100 Years since the Russian Revolution | The Leap to and Just Transition | **Indigenous Sovereignty and the politics** | Crippling the state: disability, health and capitalism | **Is Donald Trump a fascist?** | From protests and strikes to revolution | **The new capitalist normal?** | Globalization, protectionism and the new imperial order | **Racism, resistance and sports and Elections** | **Marxism and Women's Liberation** | **Building solidarity: The fight for \$15 and fairness on campus** | **Capitalism save the climate?** | Marxism, Oppression and Politics



MARXISM 2017
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Registration: Students/unwaged \$20 | Waged \$50 | Solidarity \$80-100
Organized by the International Socialists | socialist.ca | reports@socialist.ca



TORONTO –

Join the People's Climate Movement this April 29 as our city joins others around Turtle Island to stand up for our communities and our climate!

Labour, environmental, indigenous, and social justice groups have united to form this march as part of a North American Day of Action, close to President Trump's 100 Days in office.

WHAT: People's Climate March
WHEN: April 29, 12:00pm
WHERE: Allan Gardens (19 Horticultural Ave.)
WHY: To protect our biosphere and hold our governments accountable
WHO: Everyone – including you!
EVENT: <http://bit.ly/2ohCrmQ>

There will be a Week of Education preceding the march, and a Week of Action afterwards. For more details, and events calendars, visit <https://peoplesclimatecanada.ca/>

Want to get involved? Email katie@toronto350.org

MARXISM 2017

marxismconference.ca

Countering Racism in the Age of Trump

April 21 | 7:00 pm

Ian Bennett
Advisor, Stand Up to Racism, UK

Barrie
Director, Urban Alliance on
International Relations

Al Sundaram
International Socialists



Indigenous Sovereignty and Pipeline Politics

Friday, April 22 | 7:00 pm

Angun Henry
Advisor of the Thames First Nation

Pierre
Pamux First Nation, BC

Heather Lannon
International Socialists

Leap Manifesto and Just Transition

Saturday, April 22 | 1:00 pm

Avi Lewis
Initial Signatory, Leap Manifesto

Carolyn Egan
International Socialists



1917-2017: 100 Years Since the Russian Revolution

John Riddell
Michelle Robidoux

Saturday, April 22 | 10:00 am

And many more!

Register now at www.marxismconference.ca/register

The Toronto Workers' History Project

Workers have fought in wars. Workers have also opposed wars. On April 10 2017, we mark the 100th anniversary of the bloody battle of Vimy Ridge, where many workingmen died. Some voices are urging us to commemorate that slaughter as a noble, heroic struggle that "forged our nation." Ian McKay, one of Canada's most respected historians, debunks that myth in *The Vimy Trap, Or How We Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Great War* (a book he co-authored with Jamie Swift). He argues against using militarism to build patriotism. He reminds us how often Canadians preferred peace to war. He makes a loud, clear call to avoid glorifying war.

Lest we forget.

JOIN US

**Monday 10 April, 2017, 7 p.m.,
Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil Street**

Toronto's 31st Annual Socialist May Day Celebration



Saturday, April 29 7 p.m.

Free Times Cafe
320 College Street, Toronto
\$10 waged, \$5 non-waged or PWYC



www.SocialistAction.ca

(647) 986-1917

Speakers:

✦ **John Clarke**, provincial organizer for the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty ✦ **Abdi Hagi-Yusuf**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Toronto Local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers ✦ **Crystal Sinclair**, Idle No More ✦ **Jessica Sikora**, Executive Board Member, Ontario Public Service Employees' Union, ✦ **Melisa Bayan**, \$15 and Fairness Campaign - Toronto ✦ **Barry Weisleder**, Federal Secretary, Socialist Action, and substitute teachers' organizer

Celebrate with entertainers:

✦ **Robin Banks**, fearless socially conscious recording artist specializing in jazz blues reggae performance; ✦ **Mohammed Ali**, Toronto socialist hip hop artist; ✦ **Glen Hornblast**, folk singer on the social justice scene with a CD titled "Once in a Blue Moon"; ✦ **Linda Saslove** Ottawa's sweetest vocalist; ✦ **Michelle Rumball**, interpretive songstress with haunting, soul-stirring vocals; and ✦ **Bill Heffernan**, activist, teacher and song smith.

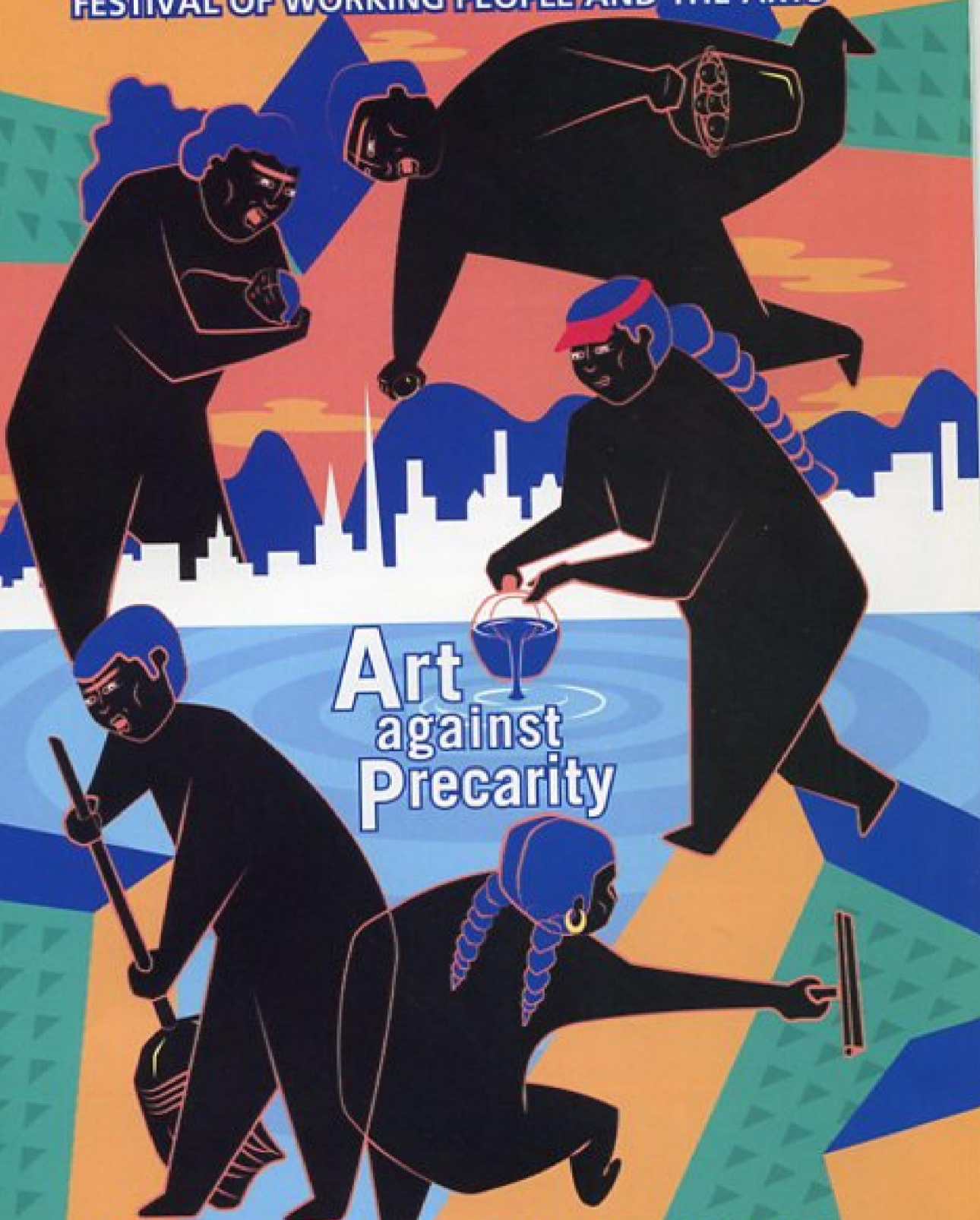
✦ **M.C.: Elizabeth Byce**, federal Treasurer, NDP Socialist Caucus, and retired member of the Toronto Local, Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Enjoy delicious food from the menu and drinks from the bar. For details, call the Free Times Café at 416-967-1078. At the event, there will also be a literature and CDs display, a raffle, and surprises.

Sponsored by: Socialist Action / Ligue pour l'Action socialiste (Fourth Internationalists in the Canadian state)
Event endorsed by: Canadian Arab Federation; Toronto Local - Canadian Union of Postal Workers; Ontario Coalition Against Poverty; Toronto Haiti Action Committee; NDP Socialist Caucus; NDP Momentum; and Toronto Forum on Cuba.

MAYWORKS

FESTIVAL OF WORKING PEOPLE AND THE ARTS



Art
against
Precarity

APRIL 28 – MAY 7, 2017



FRIDAY APRIL 28

FILM

A DAY'S WORK

7 pm - 8:30 pm, Carlton Cinema Auditorium 9

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SUNDAY APRIL 30

MULTI-ART

JOURNEY TO BELONG

2 pm - 4 pm, Alliance Française Theatre

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MONDAY MAY 1

EXHIBITION OPENING & FESTIVAL PARTY

ART & TOMATOES

7 pm - 10 pm, Steelworkers Hall
Exhibition Dates: April 8 - May 30 at The Public Window Gallery
April 24 - May 19 at Steelworkers Hall
May 1 - 28 at Whippersnapper Gallery

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WEDNESDAY MAY 3

**BOOK LAUNCH & PANEL
THE STORY OF ALBERT JACKSON**

7 pm - 9 pm, A Different Booklist

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FILM

A DAY'S WORK

6 pm - 8 pm
Driftwood Community Centre
Room 6

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THURSDAY MAY 4

EXHIBITION OPENING & PERFORMANCE

STRIKE A CHORD

7 pm - 10 pm, Sur Gallery.
Exhibition Dates: April 13 - June 3, Sur Gallery

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SATURDAY MAY 6

WORKSHOP

WRITING WHILE BLACK

Workshop 1: 11 am - 1 pm
Workshop 2: 2 pm - 4 pm, The Public Studio

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SUNDAY MAY 7

PERFORMANCE

PACKINGTOWN

7 pm - 8:30 pm, Steelworkers Hall

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Dear Minister Foote:

Subject: Future of Canada Post

The review of Canada Post has now been completed and the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) has tabled its 45 recommendations. Canadians are now expecting the Government's decision on the future of Canada Post. I would like to provide my views on the recommendations tabled by the Parliamentary Committee.

I am pleased that the Committee would like to see the moratorium on the conversion to community mail boxes (CMBs) maintained and that it recommends the restoration of door-to-door delivery. However, I am asking you to apply this measure to all the households who lost door-to-door delivery, as promised by the Prime Minister and Liberal MPs.

Here are some of the Committee's recommendations that, I hope, will be among those of your Government:

- Maintain Canada Post's moratorium on CMB conversion and restore door-to-door delivery for all households who lost it;
- Maintain the moratorium on post office closures and examine how to expand their opening hours;
- Assess how Canada Post could offer more services through its existing retail network;
- Study how to transform post offices into community hubs;
- Study the possibility of using Canada Post to offer wide band Internet services and better cellular phone services in rural areas;
- Develop a specific and rigorous process for collaboration between Canada Post and municipalities.

Surprisingly, even though more than 600 municipalities as well as many organizations adopted resolutions in favour of postal banking services, I have noticed a total lack of reflection and instructions on this matter in the Parliamentary Committee's report. I would like the Government to seriously study the possibility of offering such services when it tables its reply to the Parliamentary Committee's report.

I believe that these proposals represent an excellent opportunity to expand the mandate of the Corporation and thereby develop new services that would better respond to citizens' needs and that would reflect what a 21st century post office should look like.

I hope you will take my concerns into consideration in drafting your recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

Signature: _____

Name: _____

SOCIALISM 2017:

100 Years of World Revolution

an International Educational Conference



When: May 12-13, 2017

Where: Woodsworth Residence, U of T, 321 Bloor St. W. at St. George
(in room 35, lower level)

www.socialistaction.ca
(647) 986-1917

\$15 in advance
for weekend;
\$20 at door
for the weekend;
\$5 per session
or PWYC.

Friday, May 12

5 p.m. Registration Opens

7 p.m. The Relevance of the Russian Revolution Today

- Barry Weisleder, federal secretary, SA Canada
- Jeff Mackler, national secretary, SA USA
- T.B.A., a representative of NPA-France

Saturday, May 13

10 a.m.. Millions on the Move – Behind the Refugee Crisis

- Jaime Gonzales, LUS-Mexico;
- Sharmeen Khan and Diana Da Silva, No One Is Illegal
- Yasin Kaya, SA-Canada;
- a rep. of OKDE in Greece, t.b.a.

1 p.m.. Basic Income or Raise the Rates?

- John Clarke, provincial organizer, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty,
- Sharon Anderson from Put Food In the Budget.

4 p.m. Fake News – Who's the Real Culprit?

- Yves Engler (author of 8 books on Canadian foreign policy, including "Propaganda System"),
- Jeff Mackler, national secretary, SA USA
- John Wunderlich, Toronto Danforth NDP executive member and privacy issues consultant.

7 p.m. Labour Revival – What will it take?

- Julius Arscott, President, OPSEU Local 532;
- Sid Ryan, past-president of the Ontario Federation of Labour;
- Chris Gosse, Longshore Workers' Association, from Newfoundland and Labrador;
- a rep. of NPA-France?

10 p.m. Social at a nearby pub, The Duke of York, 39 Prince Arthur Ave., one block north and east of Woodsworth Residence.

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Woodbridge Memorial Arena
5020 Highway 7 (at Islington)
Thursday, April 28 at 11am

TORONTO

Larry Selton Park
Bay Street north of City Hall
Thursday, April 28 at 12noon

Remembering our sisters & brothers
killed on the job or died as a result of
workplace diseases
Let us re-dedicate efforts to achieve
healthier & safer workplaces; to seek
justice for injured workers



DAY OF MOURNING

TWHP
TORONTO WORKERS' HISTORY PROJECT

THE MYTH OF VIMY
War and Peace in Canada

With Ian McKay, McMaster University



ONTARIO WOMEN'S SUMMER SCHOOL

JULY 9-14, 2017@PORT ELGIN

A photograph of several women in a red and orange team pulling on a thick rope, likely participating in a team-building exercise. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

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REGISTER ONLINE AT: canadianlabour.ca/labour-education



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It builds solidarity and knowledge. It teaches the skills unions need to represent their members and defend their rights using proven methods that allow adults of all backgrounds to learn.

If your union wants to train the next generation of local activists or expand the skills that today's leaders and activists already have, the Ontario Regional Summer School is here to help your union succeed.

Unions know they need to reconnect with a new generation of working people - half of whom are women. They can do this by being better bargainers and better advocates for women at work, as well as better political activists for women everywhere.

The courses offered by the Ontario Women's Summer School can help your union do all of this - and more!

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
canadianlabour.ca/labour-education

Contact the CLC Ontario Regional Office for more information:
ontario@clc-ctc.ca | 416-441-3710 or 1-800-387-3500. For detailed course descriptions, please check our website: canadianlabour.ca/labour-education

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2017 COURSES

CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN is a next step for women leaders, who are considering running in a municipal, provincial or federal campaign. It is designed to address the day to day challenges in the face of high stress campaigns. Participants will take away new ways of campaigning, strategic planning, and framing our message. By building on communication and presentation skills, participants will leave with the tools to best communicate their message in on-camera interviews, face-to-face debates, and with new media.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LEVEL 1 Union Sisters will leave with a solid understanding of the bargaining process and the factors that affect collective bargaining. This course also introduces some of the laws and rules that structure the bargaining process and provides opportunities for hands-on practice and skills development in preparing for and negotiating parts of a collective agreement. Level 1 is aimed at new bargaining committee members and local union officers. You may want to bring a calculator for this course.

UNION WOMEN ON TURTLE ISLAND is for all trade union women who want to understand the issues Aboriginal women face in diverse working environments. Participants will explore the reasons for the invisibility of Aboriginal women in union structures and begin to develop strategies to encourage sisterhood.

USING MODERN TOOLS TO TALK WITH YOUR MEMBERS Beginning with an internal union communications audit, this course will teach participants how to use a variety of communication tools in order to reach union members with the union's message and culminate with a custom internal communications plan. The course will take a look at websites, newsletter/bulletin design and writing skills, crafting effective emails, starting and managing email lists, and basic poster design. Participants will also learn the basics of taking great photos and producing short, engaging videos to better communicate with their union members.

TAKING UNIONS TO NEXT GENERATION is your local struggling with member apathy, on how to reach the different generations in your union and workplace? Do you want to build your skills to represent and defend the union message? This course deals with the important issue of recruiting and mobilizing local union activists. It will increase your awareness of the needs and realities of members of different generations in the union and workplace. It will build your level of comfort and provide you with the skills for engaging in meaningful cross-generational dialogue. We invite you to explore how the union might respond to the values of young and new workers, and share perspectives on how union culture can continue to adapt to meet the needs of each generation.

SISTERS IN THE STRUGGLE PART 2 is a women's leadership course for ETFO women who have completed SIS PART 1. ETFO is very excited to offer PART 2 this summer! We will focus on visioning for the future, the connection between leadership, equity, and allyship, skills assessments, building the feminist movement, and transformation. This course is taught from a feminist, anti-oppression framework. Please contact Kelly Hayes khayes@etfo.org for further information. The application process takes place through ETFO.

UNIFOR WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP (for UNIFOR Members) is open to all Unifor members who have completed the one week Women's Activist Course. This course provides participants with practical hands-on tools for effective campaign-building, bargaining an equity agenda, creatively responding to sexism and gender discrimination and much more. Our union needs more women leaders -- this course is designed to further equip and inspire women in Unifor to increase their activism and involvement in the union and the broader women's movement to create social change. Please contact Lisa Kelly at lisa.kelly@unifor.org for further information. The application process takes place through UNIFOR.

