

August 2011

TO: ALL BC REGION CUPE LOCALS AND DISTRICT COUNCILS

Greetings:

RE: PARKSVILLE 2011 WEEKLONG SCHOOL

On behalf of CUPE Union Development and CUPE BC, I am pleased to enclose the Program Brochure for our Fall Weeklong School to be held November 13-18, 2011 at the Quality Resort Bayside in Parksville.

The members of CUPE BC's Education Committee and I are pleased to offer an excellent selection of challenging workshops on a wide variety of topics. We are looking forward to another great school at Parksville.

CUPE BC will be offering seven \$1,000.00 Scholarships to help local unions cover a major portion of the expenses for sending delegates to our school. Please complete the enclosed Scholarship Application form, providing details for each Scholarship that is being applied for. Locals who have been awarded Scholarships will be advised prior to the school.

CUPE BC Subsidies are also available for **small locals** and for **locals travelling from distant locations** (Northern areas, Haida Gwaii, Kootenays and Northern Vancouver Island). Please complete the enclosed Subsidy Application form.

Attention First Aid Attendants! If you are a delegate with a valid First Aid Certificate, would you be willing to volunteer to act as a CUPE First Aid Attendant at our Weeklong School? If so, please complete the enclosed First Aid Attendant Volunteer form.

Please provide each of your delegates with the complete information package. **Participant Questionnaires must be completed by your delegates** and returned with the Registration Form. Our workshops fill up quickly so please register your delegates early, providing a second workshop choice for each participant.

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The **deadline for returning Registration Forms** with payment and Participant Questionnaires is **October 28, 2011**. The deadline for submission of Child Care forms is **October 14, 2011**.

The **deadline for Scholarship Applications** is **October 14, 2010**.

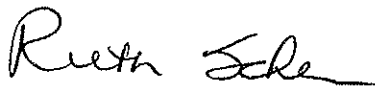
Please return all completed forms and your payment (**payable to "CUPE – Parksville School"**) to:

Ruth Scher
Education Representative
CUPE BC Regional Office
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Burnaby, BC V5G 4T3

Union education gives activists and members the tools and skills to achieve their goals both at work and in their personal lives. Our Weeklong School is a wonderful opportunity to come together for a challenging week of learning in an atmosphere that respects the values we share as CUPE members and staff.

I do hope that you will send delegates to our annual Parksville School. The knowledge and skills that your members bring back will be invaluable in helping to advance the interests of your local union and its members.

In solidarity,



Ruth Scher
Education Representative
BC Region

Enclosures

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