

2015 FALL MANITOBA EDUCATION SCHEDULE

The following courses are open to all Manitoba PSAC members in good standing.

FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES - Bill C-4 AND HEALTH & SAFETY ***Postponed until further notice as of August 25.**

This 1 day course is being held in the region as a result of the changes in Health and Safety from Bill C-4, most importantly the changes to the definition of danger, and changes with the right to refuse. This course will also put a strong emphasis on understanding the political context from which Bill C-4 emerged, including taking a closer look at the direction of the Harper government, and how the decisions of the current government have negatively affected Canada as a whole. The objectives also include; highlighting the changes to the Canada Labour Code Part II, and to determine the implications of the changes on workers, workplace committees and on unions.

Though geared towards H&S activists, this will also be an excellent course for members interested in learning more about the current political landscape.

TALKING UNION BASICS (TUB)

Friday, October 30, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Deadline for applying is Wednesday, October 14, 2015

This Friday night/Saturday course is the union's key "introductory" education event. If you have wondered what it means to be a union member, how the PSAC works, and what happens to your dues dollars, then Talking Union Basics provides answers to these questions. The course also introduces the collective agreement, your employee rights and your rights as a member of the PSAC. You will learn about the many opportunities to be active in the union and ways you can make a contribution to building strong locals in the Prairie region. It is recommended that members take Talking Union Basics first, as it provides the basic knowledge you need to get the most from other PSAC courses.

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GRIEVANCE HANDLING

Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday, November 15, 2015 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Deadline for applying is Wednesday, October 28, 2015

This two-day course for union stewards will develop participants' knowledge, skills, and confidence in effectively solving problems at the workplace prior to filing grievances. A major portion of time will be spent on the relevant technical skills i.e. identifying, investigating, writing up, and presenting grievances.