

***Back by popular demand,
the PSAC Prairies education course***

“UNIONISM ON TURTLE ISLAND”



The PSAC Prairie region is pleased to offer the ***Unionism on Turtle Island*** course ***December 12-16, 2015*** at the PSAC Edmonton Regional Office.

This course is for PSAC members who:

- ☀ are ready to work as an Ally in solidarity with Aboriginal Peoples in their union, workplace and community;
- ☀ live and work in the Prairie region;
- ☀ have completed the TUB (Talking Union Basics) course or the NAPC (National Aboriginal Peoples' Circle) course, or have gained equivalent experience through being an active PSAC member;
- ☀ would like to learn more about the issues facing Aboriginal workers;
- ☀ want to challenge barriers to diversity within the union and workplace.

Course Overview:

The Unionism on Turtle Island course will bring together up to 20 PSAC members from across the Prairie region for an intense five days of talking, learning, laughing, questioning and supporting each other. Participants will explore the history of oppression and resistance, Aboriginal issues at the

bargaining table, creating a representative workforce, and opening the union to Aboriginal activists. This course will provide a comfortable and supportive environment in which participants can explore their attitudes, ideas and questions. Participants will develop strategies to encourage solidarity and build the union.

The details:

The PSAC will provide travel, accommodation, meal and incidental allowances, loss of salary, and reimbursement of family care costs, in accordance with the PSAC Travel and Family Care policies.

We are committed to ensuring that the course participants reflect the diversity of the PSAC membership in the Prairies and we have set aside a **minimum of eight seats** on the Unionism on Turtle Island course for members of the PSAC's equality-seeking groups (Aboriginal; Racialized; Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual or Transgendered; Persons with a Disability; Women; Young Workers).

PSAC members interested in this course are asked to complete the attached application form and submit it by ***Wednesday November 18, 2015*** to:

Judy Shannon, Prairies Regional Education Officer
c/o PSAC Edmonton Regional Office
e-mail: shannoj@psac.com

All applicants will be contacted by November 25, 2015 to advise if they have been accepted as a participant on the course. Details about travel, accommodation, expenses, etc. will be sent to members selected as course participants by November 25, 2015.



UNIONISM ON TURTLE ISLAND APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and send it to Judy Shannon, Prairies
Regional Education Office at shannoj@psac.com by
Wednesday November 18, 2015.

COURSE INFORMATION	
Course name: Unionism on Turtle Island (Prairie Region)	
Course date and location: December 12-16, 2015 Edmonton, Alberta	

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Name:	
PSAC ID #:	
Home Address: City:	Postal Code:
Work Tel:	Home Tel:
Work E-mail:	Home E-Mail:
Local and Component/DCL:	
Loss of Salary required? Yes _____ # of hours _____ No _____	
Travel to course location (one-way): Less than 60 kms _____ 60-100 kms _____ More than 100 kms _____	
Will you be claiming Family Care reimbursement? Yes / No	
Employer and work location:	

UNION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

How long have you been a PSAC member?

What is your current union position?

Please describe your Union experience:

Please describe your experience with community or social justice groups:

Have you completed the TUB (Talking Union Basics) course or the NAPC (National Aboriginal Peoples' Course)? Yes / No

If yes, where and when did you take the course?

Have you completed any other Union courses? (i.e. PSAC Regional Office courses; PSAC Advanced courses; Component or Federation of Labour courses?) Yes / No

If yes, please list the course name(s), date(s) and location(s):

APPLICANT'S COMMENTS: Please tell us why you would like to participate in the Unionism on Turtle Island course:

ADDITIONAL NEEDS: ACCESS AND DIET REQUIREMENTS

The PSAC is committed to ensuring that the accessibility and dietary requirements (if applicable) of our members are respected. If you have any persistent or permanent physical, mental, learning or sensory impairment as recognized under the Canadian Human Rights Act and have additional needs that you require accommodation for, please indicate them below and provide any necessary explanation that will assist us in meeting them. (i.e. special diet; use of a wheelchair, walker or crutches; blind or visually impaired; deaf or hearing impaired; need assistance leaving room in an emergency; allergies) :

COURSE ENVIRONMENT

SMOKE AND SCENT FREE: All PSAC events, including this course, are smoke-free. To assist members with environmental sensitivities, this course will be a scent-free event. Suggestions for a scent-free environment will be provided to confirmed course participants.

APPLICANT COMMITMENT

APPLICANT: By submitted this application, I agree to attend and participate in all sessions and to complete all assignments. I have read the PSAC policy documents on harassment provided by my Local and/or the PSAC Regional Office, and I understand my responsibilities in accordance with them.

OPTIONAL SELF IDENTIFICATION

The PSAC is committed to ensuring that PSAC education programs are accessible to all members. The information requested in this section will help us select participants for this course, and will help determine if we are reaching members who belong to groups identified in the PSAC Human Rights policy. **All information will be kept confidential.**

Are you a member of one of the following equality-seeking groups?

RACIALIZED (previously referenced as racially visible) _____

ABORIGINAL _____

WOMAN _____

PERSON WITH A DISABILITY _____

YOUNG WORKER (35 and under) _____

GAY, LESBIAN, BI-SEXUAL or TRANSGENDERED _____

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