

The Atlantic Region of the Public Service Alliance of Canada presents

Unionism on Turtle Island

Saturday, February 18 to Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax, Nova Scotia



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Apply now!

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November 25, 2016

To: Local Presidents, RVPs/NVPs/Branch Presidents, NAPC
From: Colleen Hodder, A/ Regional Executive Vice-President - Atlantic
Re: **Call for applications - Unionism on Turtle Island**

The Atlantic Region of the Public Service Alliance of Canada is pleased to invite both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members from the four Atlantic Provinces to apply for a five-day in-residence course called Unionism on Turtle Island.

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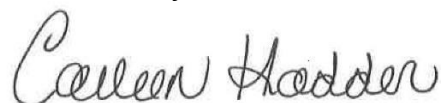
The course will take place from **9 a.m., Saturday, February 18, to 12 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2017**, at the Westin Nova Scotian, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Costs related to attending this course will be covered by the PSAC, including travel, loss of salary, meals and incidentals and family care.

Members must complete the attached application form and submit it by **Monday, January 9, 2017**. Applications should be emailed to Hfx_Admin@psac-afpc.com or faxed to (902) 443-8291.

If you have any questions, please contact Lesley Thompson, Regional Education Officer, at (902) 443-3541 or 1-800-839-6661, or by email at thompsonl@psac-afpc.com.

In solidarity,



Colleen Hodder
A/ Regional Executive Vice President- Atlantic

cc: Debbie McLaughlin, A/ Regional Coordinator
Lesley Thompson, Regional Education Officer
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Representative – Atlantic
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____
(Surname) (First Name)

ADDRESS _____

(Postal Code)

TELEPHONE (____) _____ (____) _____
(Home) (Work)

(____) _____ **E-MAIL** _____
(Cell)

PSAC ID# _____ **COMPONENT/ LOCAL** _____

With this application, I authorize use of the above information for a participants' list that will be distributed to participants at this training.

UNION ACTIVITIES

How long have you been a PSAC member? _____

How many members are in your local? _____

Are you a Local Shop Steward? Yes No

What union office(s) do you hold? _____

UNION EDUCATION

Please list any Union courses you have taken, including the date and location.

EMPLOYMENT

Employer: _____

Work location: _____

Occupation/Classification: _____

ACCESS

Are you a member with a disability and require an accommodation?

Yes No

If yes, please fill out the accommodation request form at the end of this application.

Do you have any other special requirements that require accommodation?
For ex. religious, dietary?

Yes No

How may we provide accommodation? Please specify:

APPLICANT’S COMMENTS

Please describe your interest in attending this training.

SIGNATURES

Applicant

With this application, I agree to attend and participate in all sessions, including scheduled evening sessions, and to complete all assignments. I have read the PSAC Statement on Harassment Policy and Statement on Scent Free Environment and understand my responsibilities in accordance with them. These policies can be found at this end of this document.

If you are accepted to participate and complete this training, your component will be notified.

Signature of applicant

Date of application

Deadline for applications is Monday, January 9, 2017. Please submit your form to Hfx_Admin@psac-afpc.com or by fax to (902) 443-8291.

SELF IDENTIFICATION (OPTIONAL)

The Alliance is committed to ensuring that PSAC programs are accessible to all members. The information requested in this section will help us assess our success in reaching youth, as well as members who belong to groups identified in the PSAC Human Rights Policy. This information is confidential.

Are you Aboriginal? Yes No

Are you racially visible? Yes No

If yes, and you wish to identify with a specific racially visible group, please indicate:

Are you a person with a disability? Yes No

If you are a member with a disability and require accommodation, you must fill out the “Request for accommodation of a disability” attached.

Are you gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender? Yes No

What is your gender? _____

Are you a young worker (35 years and under)? Yes No

This form can be made available in various formats, including Braille, English, French, and on disk in English and French. Contact your PSAC Regional Office for more information.



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REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION OF A DISABILITY

In order for us to make the training and the training facilities accessible, it is essential that you complete and return this form. The PSAC Accommodation Policy strives to ensure that PSAC events are barrier-free for delegates with disabilities.

NAME _____
(Surname) (First Name)

ADDRESS _____

(Postal Code)

TELEPHONE (_____) _____ (_____) _____
(Home) (Work)

(_____) _____ **E-MAIL** _____
(Cell)

PSAC ID# _____ **COMPONENT/ LOCAL** _____

I am a member with a disability and require accommodation.

If **YES**, to the above question, what are the functional/cognitive limitations arising from your disability? (You are not obliged to disclose your diagnosis; only your functional limitations).

Please list suggestions for accommodating your functional limitations.

Other comments:

You may be required to provide relevant medical documentation that will assist us to respond to your request.

This form is confidential and the information contained within will not be disclosed except where necessary to respond to your request for accommodation.

PSAC STATEMENT ON HARASSMENT

Our union is made strong by Sisters and Brothers working together to improve our working lives and to preserve the rights that we have struggled to achieve. Mutual respect is the cornerstone of this cooperation. The PSAC Constitution states that every member is entitled to be free from discrimination and harassment, both in the union and at the workplace, on the basis of age, sex, colour, national or ethnic origin, race, religion, marital status, family status, criminal record, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, language, social and economic class or political belief. Members are also entitled to be free from personal harassment.

If you experience harassment at this event, contact the identified Anti-Harassment Resource Person to discuss the situation and possible responses. Our initial approach is to encourage early and informal resolution and to facilitate our members speaking directly with one another to resolve the matter. If this is not successful or possible, the Constitutional and policy mandates on the issue of harassment will be fully and quickly enforced.

Harassment in all its forms, detracts from our common purpose and weakens our union. Let each one of us, as we work together on the important task at hand, treat each other with dignity and respect.

PSAC STATEMENT ON SCENT-FREE ENVIRONMENTS

The Public Service Alliance of Canada is committed to ensuring that all members with disabilities are able to effectively participate in order to contribute to the organization's mandate.

In this regard, the PSAC recognizes that accessibility is an essential requirement for the participation of members with environmental disabilities.

In consideration for the health of our Sisters and Brothers who may suffer from environmental disabilities, and with the goal of eliminating a contaminant from the air, **the PSAC requests that all participants attending any union function refrain from using scented products. These include scented perfumes, colognes, lotions, hairsprays, deodorants and other products promoted by the fragrance industry.**

A participant who notices a problem is encouraged to address the person in a cordial and respectful manner. Any unresolved issues may be brought to the attention of the organizers who may investigate and attempt to find a reasonable accommodation.

By working together, we can create healthier environments for ALL, and accommodate the needs of persons who have environmental disabilities.