



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Breaking the Silence Guatemala, May 5 – 19, 2018

All applications must be received by February 7, 2018

The Breaking the Silence (BTS) project, is supported by the PSAC Social Justice Fund. BTS engages members to deepen their understanding of Guatemala and to build solidarity with Mayan communities.

Breaking the Silence <https://www.tatacentre.ca/index.php/partnerships/bts> (English only) is organizing a delegation to travel to Guatemala in May 2018 to work with, and learn from grass roots organizations empowering communities.

The tour for this project is focused on **PSAC members from the Atlantic region**,

SJF Subsidy program: The PSAC Social Justice Fund is offering subsidies for **two PSAC members** for the 2018 delegation. Please complete the attached application.

The subsidy does not cover the loss of salary.

Members who receive a subsidy from the PSAC Social Justice Fund, will be asked to write an article upon their return to Canada. This article will be posted on the PSAC Social Justice Fund website.

Participants are required to participate in the orientation weekend prior to travelling on February 9 – 11, 2018 and another session upon returning.

The group will participate in workshops, ceremonies and visit Mayan communities.

Important:

1. You will be notified once all applications are reviewed.
2. You must be 18 years and older to be eligible.
3. The working languages will be English and Spanish.
4. You will be required to have a valid passport (see www.cic.gc.ca/english/passport/index.asp).
5. Space is limited, so please return your application as soon as possible.
6. **Please return your completed application by February 7, 2018 to:**

PSAC Social Justice Fund
233 Gilmour Street, Ottawa ON K2P 0P1
C/O Janet St. Jean stjeanj@psac-afpc.com 613-560-2974

Breaking the Delegation to Guatemala – Application Form 2018

A. LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Name:	Applying for subsidy: YES or NO Birthdate:
Street address:	Postal code:
City and province :	Email:
Phone: (home):	Phone (cell):
Employer:	Position Title:
Name of Union & Local:	PSAC Member ID:

1. Valid passport (Passport must be valid until six months after your date of return)?
You are unable to purchase your airline ticket without a valid passport.

2. Languages: What is your first language? _____

3. Do you speak Spanish?
 _____ (none) _____ (a little) _____ (somewhat) _____ (fluently)

B) GETTING TO KNOW YOU: (if necessary please use additional sheet for answers)

- What is your involvement with your union and/or your experience with social justice initiatives in your workplace and in your community?

- List the personal skills that you can bring to the group which you believe are strengths. Please include practical skills and knowledge (e.g. activism, profession (nurse, carpenter etc.), blogging, writing a project report, translating, construction experience, first-aid certification, etc.)

- Why do you want to be a part of this delegation?

- How will you ensure that others in your community, workplace, etc., are able to share this experience?

What is your understanding of the political and historic situation in Guatemala and do you have any related skills and experience?

C) COPING SKILLS:

- Delegations to Guatemala are physically and emotionally demanding. Participants in these intensive tours are likely to experience some physical discomforts (e.g. air and noise pollution, stomach ailments) and emotional stresses (exhaustion, heat, unfamiliar food, lack of privacy, disagreement within the group, etc.). How would you propose to handle stress under any of these conditions?

- Responsible practices: In respecting cultural sensitivities, we are requesting that participants refrain from smoking and consuming alcohol during their participation on this delegation.

I respect and accept this practice (please initial): _____

- What experience have you had in the following situations:

1. Living and working with people of a culture other than your own?

2. Living and working closely as part of a group?

• Describe a stressful situation that you have experienced and how you dealt with it.

• Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

D) HEALTH:

1. Do you have sensitivities to air pollution? If you have environmental sensitivities, we encourage you to disclose your situation.

2. Do you have any health problems, allergies or illnesses, physical limitations? Are you currently under a doctor's care and taking prescribed medication? Please explain.
