



## PSAC Education Program - Nova Scotia (January – June, 2017)

<u>Basic Program</u>		
<b>January 21, 2017</b> <b>Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Introduction to Being a Union Steward</b> – This one-day course will introduce participants to the basic concepts and practices of stewarding. The training is part of PSAC’s new series of short courses dedicated to supporting union stewards. New stewards will benefit from taking this course prior to taking the Grievance Handling course.	<b>Halifax</b>
<b>February 4-5, 2017</b> <b>Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b> <b>Sunday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Talking Union Basics</b> - This course is the first introduction to the PSAC for most members and continues to be the foundation for more advanced union education.	<b>Halifax</b>
<b>February 25-26, 2017</b> <b>Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b> <b>Sunday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Convention Preparation</b> - This workshop will introduce activists to the purpose and mechanics of a union convention. The why, what and how of conventions is introduced. This course is intended for delegates and observers attending convention.	<b>Halifax</b>
<b>March 4-5, 2017</b> <b>Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b> <b>Sunday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Grievance Handling</b> - This course provides new PSAC Shop Stewards with essential basics for grievance handling and effective stewarding.	<b>Halifax</b>
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<b><u>April 22-23, 2017</u></b> <b><u>(tentative date)</u></b> <b>Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b> <b>Sunday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Introduction to Canada Labour Code Part II</b> - This course is an Introduction to the Canada Labour Code, Part II. It will cover the internal responsibilities system, as well as the employer and employee responsibilities of this legislation.	<b>Halifax</b>

## Online training

<p><b>Webinar – Resolution Writing - Tuesday, January 31, 2017</b></p> <p><b>7pm ATL / 7:30p NL,</b></p>	<p>This webinar will prepare members to draft resolutions to submit to upcoming regional and component conventions. Participants will learn about the role of resolutions in union democracy and how to write an effective resolution.</p> <p>Register here:  <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6063349609805117187">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6063349609805117187</a></p>	
<p><b>Webinar - Rédiger une résolution</b>  <b>Mercredi 1er février 2017</b>  <b>19h ATL / 19h30 NL,</b></p>	<p>Ce webinar vise à préparer nos membres à rédiger des résolutions à soumettre au congrès régional ainsi qu'aux congrès des éléments. Le webinar abordera aussi le rôle des résolutions dans la démocratie syndicale et comment rédiger une bonne résolution.</p> <p>Inscrivez-vous ici :  <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2026114436425626883">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2026114436425626883</a></p>	

All PSAC members can also do on-line education training on different topics at the following link: [www.psaunion.ca/online-learning](http://www.psaunion.ca/online-learning) Members can also access new on-line steward courses at the following link: <http://vubiz.com/shop-stewards>

## Advanced Program

<p><b>Unionism on Turtle Island – Saturday, February, 18 – 9:00 am to Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 12 noon</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The purpose of the training is to build meaningful, long-term relationships with Aboriginal peoples inside and outside of our workplaces, with the aim of both supporting the decolonization of Aboriginal peoples and increasing Aboriginal peoples' representation at work and in the union.</p> <p><b>Deadline for applications Monday, January 9, 2017. Apply here:</b>  <a href="http://psacatlantic.ca/updates/call-applications-unionism-turtle-island">http://psacatlantic.ca/updates/call-applications-unionism-turtle-island</a></p>	<p><b>Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax</b></p>
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<b><u>Fall 2017</u></b> <b><u>Date to be determined</u></b>	<b>Advanced Duty to Accommodate</b>	<b>Location to be determined</b>
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### Conferences and Conventions

<b>March 24-28, 2017</b>	<b>National Equity Conference</b>	<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>
<b>June 23-25, 2017</b>	<b>Atlantic Triennial Convention</b>	<b>Saint-John, NB</b>
<b><u>Postponed to 2018</u></b>	<b><u>PSAC Atlantic Union School</u></b> – This school brings together some union activists with a foundation in union education to advance their skills in the company of the region’s most activated members. The school’s in-residence program is tailored to deliver advanced courses while immersing participants in union culture.	<b>St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS</b>

***All Halifax weekend courses will be held in the PSAC Boardroom at 287 Lacewood Drive, Suite 301, unless otherwise indicated. Phone in registrations to (902) 443-3541 or toll free 1-800-839-6661 PSAC Halifax or to [Hfx\\_Admin@psac.com](mailto:Hfx_Admin@psac.com) through your Local Education Coordinator.***

**Contact our office to request any other union education for your workplace or community.**