

YUKON FED NEWS

THE DIGITAL NEWSPAPER



Picture Caption: Students at the 2024 Yukon Union School held in Whitehorse at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre.

From the President's Desk Our Union School Success.

----- TERESA ACHESON

As I am watching a heavy snowfall descent on the Yukon landscape outside my window, it seems that this year of 2024 has flown by and the realities of the end of another year set in. As I reflect, this year has seen some significant changes in Yukon and sometimes the battles we face to represent the rights and respect for workers never ends. But I'm also incredibly proud of the work that YFL has been able to accomplish for workers in the North.

One of the greatest highlights was the successful delivery of CLC labour education in the north at the 2024 Yukon Union School held at Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre in Whitehorse this past August.

38 Students from across the north gathered to learn, network, and grow as labour activists, taking everything from that experience back to their locals. We have already heard, "when is the next one" so we are working on plans to try and maintain this as an annual event.

With both federal and territorial elections looming on the horizon, there's a sense of urgency to raising the issues facing workers in the north, and ensuring we have worker-friendly candidates running and that unions remind voters to ask the right questions for an informed vote for the future of labour.

Locally, regionally, and nationally it has been an honour to raise issues and solutions for #yukonworkers.



Picture Caption: new banners for YFL

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----- TERESA ACHESON

Throughout this newsletter you will find many links where you can take ACTION!

Most of these are very quick actions, such as joining a Campaign, sending a letter, or signing a petition.

But your quick action can have a big impact! At the YFL we are all about discovering and multiplying "the power of one" as we grow our movement and build on our platforms to protect workers and the rights of workers in our communities.

Looking for some labour history?

This video was recommended to participants in a past course.



It covers the Origin of Unions and is a great introduction to Labour History. The video is 40 minutes, so be sure to save this link for when you have time to watch the whole thing.



Picture Caption: Teresa Acheson, President of the Yukon Federation of Labour

EDUCATION

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR CLC PACIFIC WINTER SCHOOL 2025

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the [2025 CLC Pacific Region Winter School brochure](#).

The 2025 Winter School will take place over five weeks from January 12 to February 14, 2025. Each week will run Sunday to Friday.

The registration fee is \$2,245.00 for single accommodation; an optional meal plan is available for guests of students. Please see the brochure for more information.

Register your delegates as early as possible. The deadline is Tuesday, December 17, 2024, and popular courses fill up quickly.

YEU / PSAC LOCAL OFFICERS TRAINING

PSAC Members residing in the Yukon can register for an upcoming **Introduction to Local Officer Training** course and learn how to build a strong Union presence at the workplace.

This two-day course is an introductory level course for new or active Local Officers who need to know how to run a Local. Sessions cover the role of the Local Executive; Local administration, including by-laws and budgets; effective communications and Local meetings; and how the Local can access the wider resources of PSAC.

November 13 to 15, 2024
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
316-105 Titanium Way, Whitehorse YT

[Register with PSAC North.](#)

YUKON WORKER SAFETY TRAINING

Northern Safety Network Yukon is your number one destination for the safety training you need!

- Health and Safety Committee/Worker Safety Rep
- Workplace Investigation Basics
- Yukon Legislation Awareness

Check out their [course calendar online](#) for in person, virtual and self-led training.

SUPPORTING APPRENTICES WITH DISABILITIES

Canadian Apprenticeship Forum is offering an online webinar on November 5th to learn about workplace best practices for supporting apprentices with disabilities and the CCRW (Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work) Disability Confidence Toolkit.

[Register online](#) for tips and strategies for a more inclusive workplace.

CLC Actions

LEGISLATIVE WINS X 3

Three of our legislative priorities have received royal assent this year – Bill C-58 (Anti-scab) and Bill C-50 (Sustainable Jobs Act) and Bill C-64 (Pharmacare).

CLC President Bea Bruske says, “The passing of Bill C-58 into law is not just a legislative victory for workers across the country. Walking the picket line is a tough decision, made even harder when faced with the threat of scab labour. A ban on the use of replacement workers in the federal private sector moves us one step closer toward true protection for workers’ rights and restoring fairness to the collective bargaining process.”

Bill C-50 represents a critical win for labour to advocate for quality, sustainable jobs with the protection of a union card and ensure workers have a seat at the table as decisions are being made about their future.

Bill C-64 represents the most significant enhancement to our health care system since the creation of public health care in Canada.

The CLC expressed thanks to the thousands of activists across the country, who stood up and demanded fairness for workers.

CAROL MACGREGOR AWARD

The Canadian Labour Congress created the Carol McGregor Award to recognize the outstanding contributions of a worker with a disability who has made a significant and lasting impact in their union and/or the community by promoting and defending the rights of persons with disabilities.

Any union member or organization may [nominate](#) a candidate. Deadline is November 4, 2024.

WORKERSTOGETHER.CA

If you have not already joined the campaign, you are missing out! Be a part of amplifying workers voices on key issues like the affordability crisis. You can share content, order swag for local rallies, enter contests, and more.



ACTION PAGE! You take the Action.

----- BUILDING A MODERN 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE – SURVEY DEADLINE OCT 31

The Government of Canada wants to gather diverse perspectives from across Canada on:

- current labour market challenges
- views on skills development and lifelong learning
- ideas for building a productive and inclusive workforce

Input received will help to inform how modern approaches to skills development, education supports, and lifelong learning can equip the workforce of tomorrow.

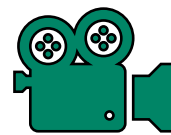
[Complete the Survey](#)

----- RECORD A VIDEO ABOUT COST OF LIVING – FORWARD TOGETHER CAMPAIGN

Let's use our stories to demand affordable housing, a strong safety net, and fair grocery prices.

We've made it easy for you to record a short video sharing how the cost-of-living crisis affects you. We'll compile your videos into a powerful video petition, amplify them on social media, and deliver them to decision-makers.

Click below for more instructions to submit your video.



[Create a Video](#)

----- TAX THE RICH – SEND A LETTER TO MINISTER FREELAND NOW

The wealth gap between the ultra-rich and the rest of us in this country is a moral outrage. By 9:27 a.m. on January 2, 2024, Canada's top 100 CEOs have already pocketed what it will take the average worker the whole year to scrape together.

Last year, CEO payouts reached new all-time highs, again. It's time to demand an economy that works for all, not just the privileged few.

Join the Council of Canadians in urging the federal government to tax the rich to pay for the public programs we desperately need.

[Send a Letter](#)

----- DISABILITY WITHOUT POVERTY

The Canada Disability Benefit Act is meant to reduce poverty and "support the financial security of persons with disabilities." \$200 a month to so few people with disabilities is far below what is needed.

Join Disability Without Poverty (DWP) in demanding better. Much, much better.

[Write Your MP](#)

----- CLIMATE CHANGE ONLINE WORKSHOP

CCOHS is offering a free online 30-minute course that explores the effects of climate change on work.

[Register for Free](#)

----- ENGAGING ON EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE

Working together to build a Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care System. We invite you to read the discussion paper, consider writing down your answers to core questions, and submitting your feedback to ESDC as noted in the Discussion Guide.

Engage with Child Care Now.

[Child Care Discussion Guide](#)

----- GET THE LEAD OUT OF SCHOOL WATER

The Yukon government (YG) is dragging their feet on fixing the problem of lead-tainted school drinking water and the Yukon Employees' Union (YEU) is calling them out.

Sign this petition to pressure the government to act.

[Sign the Petition](#)

----- END THE PINK TAX

Did you know that products marketed to women can be up to 50% more expensive than products marketed to men? It's known as the pink tax.

Join PSAC demanding the government ban gender-based pricing by sending an email.

[Take Action](#)

----- CALM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LABOUR JOURNALISM – DEADLINE NOV 15

Honouring the best of Canadian labour reporting. Any story that centres **the voices and struggles of working people** is labour journalism and can be submitted to the awards.

[Submit an Entry](#)

Call for Submissions

Poetry anthology about work in a warming world

We're in search of fresh new poems about the changes we face in our work during times of climate shift. Poems from marginalized groups and new writers are most welcome, and all forms and styles of poetry are acceptable.

Extended Deadline: October 31, 2024



Visit our website for details:

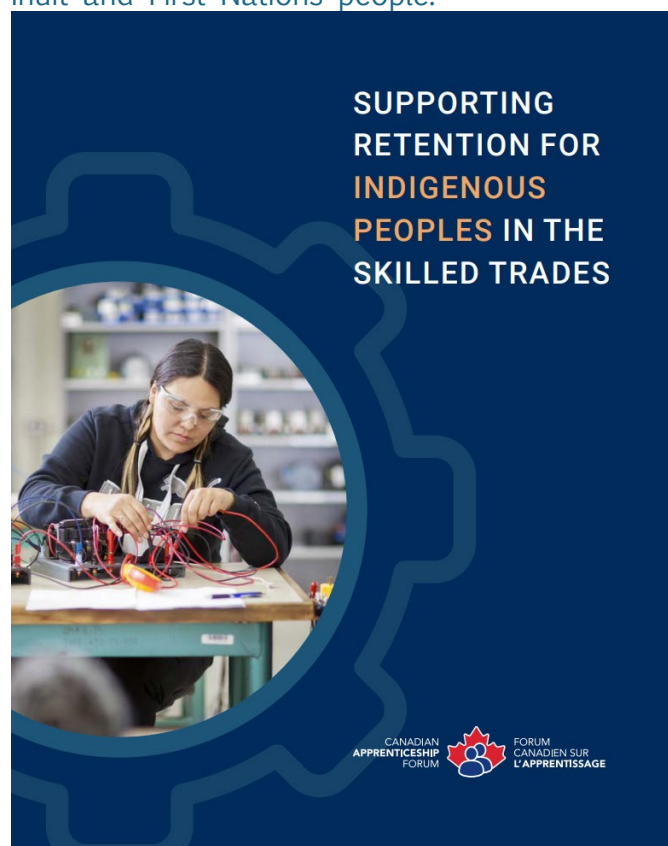
<https://workandclimatepoetryanthology.wordpress.com>

Workers of the Warming World Unite! poetry anthology will be running online and in-person workshops in October and November 2024. You can still register for an online workshop on Monday, November 25. More dates will be added soon in between, and we will be extending the submission deadline for workshop participants, so they still have time to submit their poems.

[Register](#)

Supporting Retention for Indigenous Peoples in the Skilled Trades

The purpose of this report is to present to CAF-FCA an inclusion framework for success to support and retain Indigenous Peoples in the trades, including Métis citizens, Inuit and First Nations people.



PSAC calls for accessible emergency services in the North

Text to 9-1-1 is the most direct and effective method for contacting emergency services. Yet the service isn't offered the Yukon, Northwest Territories, or Nunavut, despite being available in some capacity in every province.

Without this service, deaf, deafened, hard of hearing, and speech-impaired (DHHSI) residents across the North are at a heightened risk during emergencies because emergency calls require them to speak to someone.

Click the image below to send a letter to your premier.



Yukon reports on Child Care Act

“What We Heard” engagement on early learning and childcare

----- CHILD CARE NOW

The Yukon Government has completed a sector engagement and consultation to inform a review of the Child Care Act, which was first enacted in 1990, replacing the Day Care Act of 1980. The Minister of Education has committed to modernizing the Child Care Act with input from First Nations governments, the Yukon Child Care Board, stakeholders and Yukon residents. This engagement period, which was conducted between November 2023 and February 2024, is the third engagement on early learning and childcare undertaken by the Yukon Government since 2018. Read more at

childcarenow.ca



Picture Caption: Child Care Now is dedicated to advocating for a publicly funded, inclusive, quality, non-profit childcare system. The organization is non-profit, membership-based and regionally representative.