



## HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Secretary-Treasurers

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

**Re: Fall School – Anvil Centre, New Westminster, October 15-20, 2017  
Expanding Our Base of Power – Grassroots Leadership**

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We are excited to announce that HEU will be holding a week-long fall school program this year from October 15-20 at the Anvil Centre in New Westminster.

“Expanding Our Base of Power” is the theme for this year’s school. Over the next two years, almost all HEU members will be at the bargaining table in every sector.

Using a variety of exercises, practices and tools, members will share knowledge and experiences to build stronger relationships and to organize around defending workers’ rights in the workplace with a focus on building our bargaining power.

This week-long school is a great opportunity for both new and experienced activists.

- Are you are committed to developing the skills needed to lead in a fighting union?
- Do you want to build a strong, inclusive union where workers are united to defend and improve their workplace rights and conditions?
- Do you want to gain the confidence to stand up for yourself and fellow workers?

If so, then please apply for this in-depth training opportunity.

The fall school begins on Sunday, October 15 with registration from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. followed by a casual “meet and greet.” There’s an opening plenary at 6:30 p.m.

Course workshops will run throughout the rest of the week, including some evening sessions, and will adjourn on Friday, October 20 at noon to allow people to travel home that day/evening.

This is an in-residence program, so all participants will be accommodated at the New Westminster Quay Hotel.

Participants will be selected based on criteria that ensures regional representation, participation by members of equity-seeking groups and participation of young members (30 year and under). And of course we’re seeking participants who are committed to working with members to build union power in the workplace.

An application form is attached.

**Deadline:** All applications must be received by **5 p.m. on Friday, August 18** at the HEU Provincial Office in Burnaby.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Whiteside', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Whiteside  
Secretary-Business Manager

*Attachments*

cc: Chairpersons, Reps and Directors, Provincial Executive