



February 2, 2017

**PLEASE POST POSTERS**

**To: Secretary-Treasurers**

**For All HEU Members – Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley with English as a Second (Additional) Language**

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Re: BC Federation of Labour Health and Safety Centre - Occupational Health and Safety Classes with English as a Second (Additional) Language Curriculum

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HEU is pleased to work with the BC Federation of Labour Health and Safety Centre to offer an exciting opportunity for HEU members to participate in a program incorporating occupational health and safety issues for healthcare workers using an ESL curriculum.

The goal of this 12-week program (8-week for Part 2) is to educate participants about workplace health and safety using an ESL curriculum model.

Participants will have an opportunity to improve their language skills while learning about workers' rights in health and safety topics such as workplace violence, preventing back injuries, workplace chemicals [WHMIS] and identification of hazards. HEU members who participate in these sessions will be able to use this knowledge and information to increase their awareness of health and safety and to become involved in the health and safety committees at their workplaces.

**Part 1**

There are three locations (please see poster):

- Vancouver – starting February 28 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)  
5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. (12 weeks)
- Richmond – starting February 24 (Fridays)  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (12 weeks)
- Surrey – starting February 20 (Mondays)  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (12 weeks)

## **Part 2**

### **NEW English as an Additional Language**

This new 8-week program is only open to participants who have previously completed one of BC Fed Health and Safety Centre OHS with English as second language (EAL) course.

- **Vancouver – starting March 29 (Wednesdays)  
5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. (8 weeks)**

These courses are free (\$50 Deposit will be refunded at graduation). Upon completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate. HEU will reimburse childcare and travel costs with receipts (no coverage for wage loss or per diem).

If you are interested in attending these classes, please fill out the attached application form and mail or email it to:

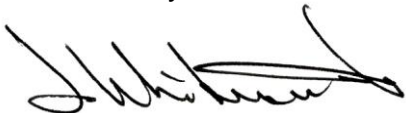
**BCFED Health & Safety Centre  
200-5118 Joyce Street  
Vancouver, BC, V5R 4H1**

[ohsadmin@bcfed.ca](mailto:ohsadmin@bcfed.ca)

Or register online: <https://www.healthandsafetybc.ca/programs/esl/>

If you are very interested but unable to attend or need further information please contact Ana Rahmat at the Hospital Employees' Union, at 604-456-7102.

In solidarity,



Jennifer Whiteside  
Secretary Business Manager  
Hospital Employees' Union

Attachments

cc: Sheila Moir, BCFED Health & Safety Centre