

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Secretary-Treasurers

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

Re: Intro OH&S (two-day) Workshops (spring/fall) 2022 (online format)

As you may be aware, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HEU moved some of our key education sessions to an online format.

We are scheduling Introductory Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) workshops for members and alternates representing HEU on Joint Occupational Health and Safety (JOHS) Committees.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- discuss their experiences and to examine patterns of OH&S concerns;
- understand the *Workers' Compensation Act* and OH&S Regulation requirements;
- understand the structure, roles and functions of the JOHS Committee; and
- learn how to take action and how to apply the *Act* and Regulation to resolve OH&S concerns.

The workshop schedule is listed by sector with further dates to follow:

GROUPS	WORKSHOP DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINES
Group 3	April 20 and 21	March 9
Health Authorities		
Group 4	May 10 and 11	March 29
Long-Term Care (Independents and		
Affiliates), Community Health, and		
Community Social Services		
Group 5	June 7 and 8	April 26
Health Authorities		
Group 6	September 13 and 14	August 2
Long-Term Care (Independents and		
Affiliates), Community Health, and		
Community Social Services		
Group 7	October 4 and 5	August 23
Health Authorities		-

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Group 8	November 22 and 23	October 11
Long-Term Care (Independents and		
Affiliates), Community Health, and		
Community Social Services		

Please note to be eligible for this workshop, priority will be given to regular or alternate Joint OH&S Committee members, who have <u>not</u> taken previous HEU Intro OH&S workshops.

Enclosed you will find an application form which should be filled out by members or alternates on the JOHS Committee. Completed applications should be addressed to the attention of **Kim Turton** and submitted by **email to kturton@heu.org** or by fax to **604-739-1510** by the deadlines outlined above. Alternatively, an online fillable form is available on our website at <u>www.heu.org</u>.

Please note the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer of your Local must endorse the application.

We will contact successful applicants by email to confirm further details. Once applicants have been notified, they will be required to apply for leave of absence for union business.

If you should have any questions regarding this workshop please contact **Kim Turton** by **phone: 604-456-7068** or email <u>kturton@heu.org</u>.

In solidarity,

Meena Brisard Secretary-Business Manager

Attachment

cc: Chairpersons Provincial Executive Reps and Directors