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Secretary-Treasurers

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

Re: Intro OH&S (two-day) Workshops – Fall 2020 (online format)

As you may be aware, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HEU has suspended union training and workshops since April 2020. We have now made an exciting decision to move some of our key education sessions to an online format this summer and fall.

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 our 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
- how to take action, including by applying the *Act* and Regulation to resolve OH&S concerns.

The workshop schedule is listed by sector and is as follows:

GROUPS	WORKSHOP DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINES
Group 1 Health Authorities	September 22 and 23	August 18
Group 2 Long-Term Care, Community Health, and Community Social Services – Private and Affiliates	October 5 and 6	August 24
Group 3 Contracted Support Services	October 13 and 14	September 1
Group 4 Health Authorities	October 19 and 20	September 8

Group 5 Long-Term Care, Community Health, and Community Social Services – Private and Affiliates	October 26 and 27	September 14
Group 6 Contracted Support Services	November 3 and 4	September 22

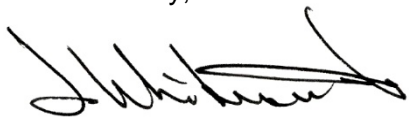
Please note to be eligible for this workshop, priority will be given to regular or alternate Joint OH&S Committee members, who have not taken previous HEU Intro OH&S workshops.

Enclosed you will find an application form which should be filled out by members (or alternates) on the JOHS Committee. Alternatively, an online form is available at www.heu.org. Please note the chairperson or secretary-treasurer of your Local must endorse the application. Completed applications should be addressed to the attention of **Kim Turton** and submitted by **email: kturton@heu.org** or **fax: 604-739-1510** by the deadlines outlined above.

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 kturton@heu.org.

In solidarity,



Jennifer Whiteside
Secretary-Business Manager

Attachments

cc: Chairpersons
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