



## HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Secretary-Treasurers

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

***Re: BC Federation of Labour Renewal Conference – October 26 – 28, 2017 – Victoria***

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The BC Federation of Labour Renewal Conference will take place at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria on **October 26, 27, and 28, 2017**. The conference begins with registration from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 26 followed by an evening reception at 7:00 p.m. The conference is scheduled to end at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

This year's theme is "Making Work Work for Everyone". Participants from around BC will explore strategies to help us respond to our changing workplaces. The conference will explore 3 emerging themes; changing workplace demographics; the rise of precarious work; and broader economic shifts such as the impact of continued globalization, emerging technology and automation.

In addition to the conference, the BC Fed will be offering delegates the chance to experience the Canadian Labour Congress' installation, "Refugee Crisis." The CLC describes the installation "as an immersive virtual reality experience that simulates the harsh reality of being forced to flee one's home as a refugee; but in this case, it's as if it were happening here in Canada. The experience is an important component of unions' ongoing work to support refugee resettlement efforts by building empathy and solidarity."

Participants will have an opportunity to enroll in four workshops throughout the conference and this year they are offering two intensive workshops that will include six hours of instruction over two days. The workshop descriptions are attached with the application form – please make sure you select a workshop.

This conference replaces the BC Fed Spring regional conference and as such HEU will be sending extra delegates from Vancouver Island. Please fill out the attached application form and workshop selections and submit no later than **noon, Thursday, September 21, 2017** to the **attention of Candice Klein** by email at [cklein@heu.org](mailto:cklein@heu.org); by fax 604-739-1510; or by mail to HEU Provincial Office, 5000 North Fraser Way, Burnaby, BC V5J 5M3.

We are encouraging all new members and members who have never attended a BC Fed event to apply. You will be notified if you are selected to attend this conference.

In solidarity,

Victor Elkins  
President

Enclosures