



## HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Secretary-Treasurers

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

### **Re: Western Regional Summer Institute for Union Women July 10 – 14, 2018**

This year the UC Berkeley Labour Centre is hosting the 2018 Western Regional Summer Institute for Union Women (“SIUW”) from July 10 to 14, 2018 at Sonoma State University in California.

This year’s theme – “*The RESISTERhood – Working Womxn Organizing for Collective Power*” – focuses on organizing and collective action as central to the advancement of working women’s issues and building power for all workers. It also reflects our commitment to creating an environment that is inclusive and builds on the strength of our shared but also uniquely different experiences as women from diverse backgrounds in the broader labour movement. The institute uses the spelling of the word ‘womxn’ to be inclusive of gender non-conforming and transgender women.

This year’s SIUW will provide an “organizer’s boot camp” to emerging new leaders. Participants will be able to choose from classes that offer hands-on training including:

- mobilizing members in difficult times
- building inclusive organizations
- organizing against sexual harassment
- bargaining for racial justice and immigrant rights
- unions, worker centres and community allies campaigning for a common goal, and so much more.

HEU will send a limited number of women to the SIUW. For successful applicants, HEU will cover the cost of registration, transportation, wages, and accommodations. Full per diems will be provided for travel days, however, meals are provided each day with registration fees. Therefore, your per diems will be adjusted accordingly (Canadian funds). Accommodations will be provided as arranged by the Institute organizers. Details can be found in the application form.

The conference starts with an opening reception and plenary at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10 and ends at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, with registration from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10.

***Please note that due to the changes in the United States national security, when travelling to the U.S., you may experience delays and/or issues at the border. You will need a valid passport that does not expire within six (6) months of travelling.***

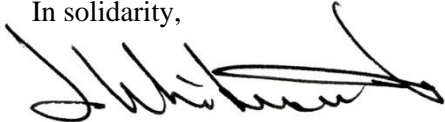
***A personal credit card is required for unexpected events and out-of-country emergency medical insurance is required.***

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Please find enclosed the HEU application form and course descriptions. Please ensure that the application is completed in FULL, including 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of course selection. Courses often fill up very quickly and it makes the process much easier for the registrars if we are aware of alternatives ahead of time.

Please submit your completed application form to Candice Klein, by fax 604-739-1510, or email to [cklein@heu.org](mailto:cklein@heu.org) by **12:00 p.m., Thursday, June 14, 2018**. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Whiteside', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Whiteside  
Secretary-Business Manager

Enclosures

cc: HEU's Women's Committee  
Provincial Executive  
Jennifer Efting, Equity Officer