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Living Wage movement keeps on growing

The movement to champion a living wage for all is reporting several new developments as awareness and support continues to grow.

At the Union of B.C. Municipalities' annual conference in September, First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition made a presentation to delegates on the Living Wage for Families Campaign.

The support of local government is welcomed by living wage advocates. Officials in the Township of Esquimalt are now looking into the possibility of adopting a living wage policy and the Town of View Royal may follow suit. This past spring, New Westminster became the first municipality in Canada to pass a living wage bylaw.

On another important front, School District #69 (Qualicum) on Vancouver Island recently passed a motion to support the Living Wage for Families Campaign and plans to investigate developing appropriate living wage policies in their community.

"A Living Wage: One Path to Addressing Income and Poverty as Determinants of Health" will be the topic of the first in a series of interactive webinars focused on the role citizens and northern B.C. communities can play in influencing health outcomes.

The online event will be on Thursday, November 4, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and will feature speakers from First Call, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and the University of Northern B.C. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call (250) 356-0876 or email: bhc@bchealthycommunities.ca.

HEU launched its Living Wage Campaign in 2007 and members began building a movement that reached beyond the union and into many communities around the province. HEU now sits on the advisory committee for First Call's Living Wage for Families Campaign.

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