

Hi:

There are openings in the following PEL courses during the week of March 7-12; I have also provided a description of each course.

ENVIRONMENT – WORKPLACE

Do you have concerns about energy consumption, waste, toxicity or other environmental hazards in your workplace? This course is designed to provide workplace union environment representatives and local union environment committee members with tools and strategies for limiting the damage our workplaces have on the environment. Participants develop and discuss tools such as workplace mapping, energy audits, toxic reductions and pollution prevention and control, environmental legislation, cancer awareness campaigns, solid waste audits and environmental action through collective bargaining.

HUMAN RIGHTS ARE WORKERS RIGHTS

This week-long program is critical for leadership and activists, as we learn together how to build a strong, united union committed to social justice. Racism, homophobia, sexism, disability prejudice and other forms of discrimination divide us as workers and weaken our union. This course asks each of us to take on the challenge of working toward real equality, by first understanding how oppression works, by examining where, how and why discrimination occurs, and then by debating, and committing to strategies for change. Participants will become familiar with CAW structures, resources, education programs and networks for advancing human rights and equality struggles in the workplace. Participants are provided with a Human Rights Tool Kit and are asked to consider tough topics such as harassment and employment equity, and to engage each other in challenging conversations. The course includes a focus on the role of allies and shows how human rights struggles can strengthen the union.

This course is also available on a cost-sharing basis (50-50) between Local Unions and the National Union (as per the 1994 Constitutional Convention resolution) when it is requested by local unions and delivered locally.

If you have any question on how to apply or require applications forms please contact me.

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