

# CUPE 459 CONNECTION

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## Upcoming Meetings:

**\*May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Belmont 9am**

\*Notice of Motion for changes to local Bylaws issued on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015



## President's Message

As some of your executive members come back from the Provincial Convention, you will be seeing and hearing renewed commitments to several initiatives. We heard loud and clear the need to elect a National Prime Minister, which will protect labour. Provincially, John Horgan, took time to speak. John is a very dynamic speaker, he renewed the Conventions trust for the 2017 election.

If you have not had a chance to hear Stephen Lewis speak take a moment to listen and hear his perspective on the state of national and international politics. You may or may not agree with his point of view but he certainly is an eloquent speaker.

<http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/news-resources/multimedia/video-clips>

I would like to extend an invitation to any "Young Workers" to seek out your shop stewards and get involved in the young workers task force.

<http://www.cupe.bc.ca/committee/s/young-workers-task-force>

Respectfully,

Cameron Gordon-Findlay

CUPE 459 President

## Check it out...



Just a quick update and shout out to Gord Phillips. Congratulations on making it into round 2 of the CBC Searchlight contest. You truly are an inspiration to our community and in our schools. This is what Gord had to say.

“I would like to say thank you to everyone who supported me in this contest. We did not advance to the next round. But what a crazy trip it was. I have a new appreciation for community and what we can accomplish. I connected with old friends from way back and met many new supportive fans. This is a great segue to the next path in my musical journey. Very grateful for the people in my life. Thank you”

<http://www.gordphillips.com/>



## Survey on training for K-12 support staff now online

The Support Staff Education and Adjustment Committee (SSEAC) is sponsoring an online survey of K-12 support staff training needs and interests.

Please participate in the survey to let us know what kinds of training and upgrading options would be useful to you.

CUPE K-12 members can fill in the survey by going to this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZZB5H36>

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. Results will be tabulated for the SSEAC meeting next month and a final report will be sent to all CUPE K-12 locals.

SSEAC is a joint committee with union and employer representation that is working to support the development and maintenance of a qualified and sustainable support staff workforce in K-12 public education.

Thanks for letting us know about your training experiences and needs.

- See more at:  
<http://www.cupe.bc.ca/news/3721#sthash.2W3oTLsJ.dpuf>



## **CUPE 459**

*CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE...*

[www.459.cupe.ca](http://www.459.cupe.ca)

*There is a complete list of Executive Contacts, Committee members, links to relevant websites as well as all of our CUPE 459 Connection Newsletters.*



Victoria Pride Parade is on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Come on down and enjoy the festivities. You can either join in the parade or watch as the floats wind through downtown all the way to McDonald Park in James Bay.



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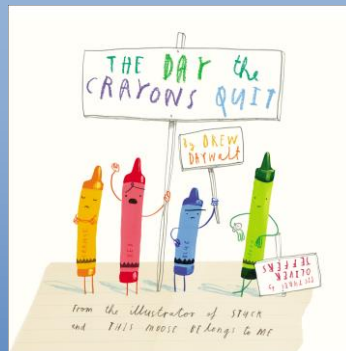
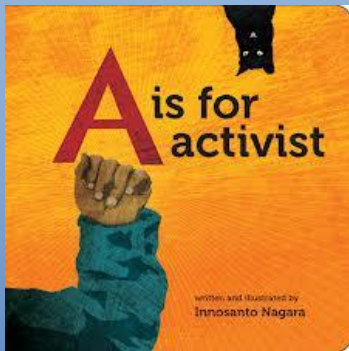
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## From the Activist Library...



Great summertime reading for the whole family.

**Just a quick thank you to our local and the Vancouver Island District Council for their support.**

**I was elected at our recent CUPE BC Convention as Regional Vice President for CUPE BC. CUPE 459 will now have a voice on the Provincial Executive.**

**I am truly honored for this opportunity and I look forward to the next two years.**

**Thank you so very much.**

**In Solidarity,**  
**Amber Leonard**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President CUPE 459**  
**CUPE BC RVP - Vancouver Island & Powell River**



## Don't Forget...



### **CUPE 459 GENERAL MEETING**

May 30th @ 9AM Belmont Cafeteria

#### **\$450 Snow Ball Draw\***

*\*Must be in attendance to win*

~ **Notice of Motion: 60 days' notice of changes to our Locals bylaws (issued on March 23rd, 2015)**

Packages ARE posted on website for download

[www.459.cupe.ca](http://www.459.cupe.ca)



## **TIME FOR CHANGE EVENT**

The Canadian Labour Congress is holding an event at the Harbour Towers on June 9th. Join us for a time for change event in your community to see how you can get involved. These short and fun events will be a great opportunity to meet fellow labour activists in your community and pick up materials to help reach out to members in your workplace.

We can win a new government that is committed to working with us to build the Canada we all want.

By working together, we can elect a government that puts jobs, health care, child care and seniors first.

Registration at 6:00 pm.  
Event runs from 6:30pm to 8:15 pm. Reception to follow.

## **Events & Dates to Remember**



May 30th – General Meeting at Belmont 9am

May 30th - Aboriginal Graduation Recognition Ceremony – Camosun College 1pm

June 20th – Miners Memorial - Cumberland

June 21st – National Aboriginal Day

July 5th - Victoria Pride Parade

August 3rd – BC Day Long Weekend

September 8th – International Literacy Day

