

## **CUPE BC Young Workers Task Force**

### **Report to Convention – April 2017**

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The Young Workers Task Force (YWTF) has continued to focus our efforts on reaching out and fostering a welcoming experience for new and young workers across all sectors of our great union. Our goal is to engage these members by providing specialized learning opportunities, training and unique projects to promote inclusion within CUPE. By supporting the initiatives of the YWTF, we ensure positive growth, strong activists and solidarity across our province.

#### **Shadow Committees**

The Task Force is very pleased to see this experience of sitting in with other committees is paying off in dividends. Over the last couple terms, we have had many members find new avenues of interest and go on to provide great support and activism within their locals and provincially. This opportunity continues to be beneficial for all of our members and we appreciate the support we have been given so far from each of the committees.

#### **Youth Homelessness and Mental Health**

The Task Force continues to focus some of our energy towards the issues of youth homelessness and mental health. As the number of youth dealing with these issues continues to grow in our province, we have been working on ways to raise awareness and generate support for the affected youth. We are currently working with several community outreach groups on ways we are able to support them in a positive and effective way.

#### **CLC National Young Workers' Summit**

In October of 2016, the Task Force was very fortunate to have been able to send two of our members to the National Young Workers Summit in Ottawa. This year's theme was Building Young Workers' Power. The summit brought hundreds of young workers and activists together from many different unions all across the country to address the issues of precarious work, income inequality and climate change. This was an amazing

opportunity for our members. The enthusiasm and excitement they brought back to the Task Force was very inspiring and we look forward to more experiences like this for other young members to learn from.

### **Conclusion**

It is with the strong encouragement, from President Paul Faoro, Secretary-Treasurer Trevor Davies and the entire CUPE BC Executive Board, that the YWTF is able to continue to engage our young members and promote inclusion within our Union. We sincerely thank them for that. A special thank you also goes out to Sharon Prescott and our amazing CUPE staff who provide so much support that ensures our goals are successfully achieved. The Young Workers Task Force will continue to work towards fostering strong activists and encouraging solidarity across our province.

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