

CUPE BC Young Workers Committee

Report to Convention

The Young Workers Committee continues to engage and develop young activists by providing opportunities, specialized training and unique projects to promote inclusion in our union. We are determined to engage young workers and promote activism and solidarity in the union across the province.

Shadow Committees

The committee has enjoyed continuous support from the CUPE BC Executive allowing committee members to participate in and attend a meeting of another CUPE BC committee. This opportunity has been a huge help for our young workers to find other areas of interest within CUPE that they might like to pursue after aging out of the Young Workers Committee.

CLC Winter School – Young Workers in Action

Two of our committee members attended this training at the CLC Winter School. They gained more knowledge in negotiations of collective bargaining, grievance procedures and labour standards. Spending the week with other activists inspired a passion for dedication to CUPE and all that unions stand for!

Youth Homelessness and Mental Health

The committee has chosen to continue to focus their energy towards dealing with the issues of youth homelessness and mental health. At this convention the committee is accepting donations for Covenant House, a shelter for homeless youth in Vancouver. Covenant House helps youth aged 16 to 24 who have fled physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse; those who have been forced from their home; and those who have aged out of foster care. The items that Covenant House needs most are new underwear, new socks, hoodies/jackets, and gift cards such as McDonalds or Tim Hortons. The committee has made arrangements to deliver these items to Covenant House at the end of Convention. Donations can be made at the CUPE BC Young Workers Booth.

Conclusion

It is with the continued support from President, Paul Faoro, Secretary-Treasurer, Trevor Davies and the CUPE BC Executive Board, along with the very appreciated efforts of Sharon Prescott and our great staff that the Young Workers Committee continues to successfully engage young workers across the province. The Young Workers Committee will continue its efforts to inspire young workers to become active in their union, and in their communities.

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