



Labour College of Canada

To: Presidents and All Members
From: Harvey Bischof, President

For Information

The Labour College of Canada (LCC) is a union-made education program, offered through the Canadian Labour Congress, for active union members that supports critical thinking and collaborative learning in a flexible format. After a restructuring in 2016, the new LCC Certificate Program is more accessible, more affordable, and more relevant to today's unions and the labour movement as a whole.

The LCC Certificate Program

- Builds leadership skills and provides leadership tools
- Fosters empowerment, self-confidence and new networks of labour leaders
- Strengthens critical thinking skills
- Examines working class struggles and human rights issues that affect all workers

For information about the specific program format, requirements, costs, and course schedule, including time and project requirements, visit the LCC website – www.labourcollege.ca.

The Canadian Labour College is run as a post-secondary program. In its new structure, the LCC is only offered in a single 15-week stream; however, applicants may indicate during the application process that they require additional time (up to 26 months) to complete the program (at an additional cost). OSSTF/FEESO members are required to access release time to attend the three one-week training course sessions. Participants must complete all three-course programs plus an additional 40-hour independent learning project after each of the three courses.

Timelines for the 2019 LCC and the Federation's review and decisions regarding applications and approvals are as follows:

- Applications are now open and close March 17.
- LCC decision provided to unions by April 1.
- Union decisions provided to LCC by April 23.
- Students notified by April 30.
- Online orientation opens April 30 until mid-May.
- Political Economy online course opens May 15.
- Weeklong in person session in Cornwall begins July 7.



Applications are to be completed online at www.labourcollege.ca. Total tuition cost for the new program is between \$3000 and \$3250, depending on length of program completion plus \$1000 to \$1450 per each week-long course for food and accommodations. Travel costs are not included in the tuition.

OSSTF/FEESO has committed funding up to \$5000 per member attending under budget line Account 2054 – Labour College Funding for member access. Members requesting funding from OSSTF/FEESO will be required to submit evidence of local District or Bargaining Unit support for the application.

For more information about this program, please contact Tracey Germa (tracey.germa@osstf.ca) at the Provincial Office.

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