CUPE 556

Canadian Union of Public Employees - Local 556

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Congratulations on your new job and welcome to CUPE 556!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Joanne Gunderson and I am CUPE 556's Education Coordinator. If you have any questions or interests related to CUPE education, please do not hesitate to contact me at Educationcupe556@qmail.com

One of our goals is to support members through union-related education. We encourage members to learn more about the basics of what unions are, where we came from, what our achievements have been, rights, the grievance procedures and health and safety in the workplace.

The Introduction to Stewarding workshop is the first workshop we usually recommend to new members. More active members who sit on one of our committees may want to take courses pertaining to Bargaining, Facing Management, Advanced Shop Stewarding, Note Taking, Parliamentary Procedures, Representing Members at Investigative/Disciplinary Meetings, etc. These are examples of such courses for the members holding positions such as Shop Stewards, Unit Vices, Grievance or Bargaining Committees etc.

If you are interested in a CUPE workshop, please contact your Unit Vice President to discuss. There is an education request form that must be approved prior to your enrollment.

Here is a link to our CUPE National website that shows the workshops currently scheduled in BC. If you want to stay connected, please 'like' us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cupe556 If any of these workshops interest you then please contact your unit vice and me.

In Solidarity,

Joanne Gunderson Education Coordinator

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