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METROPOLITAN VANCOUVER DISTRICT COUNCIL



FAQ – New Advocates Conference – For Locals

1. Who is this conference for?

This conference is for those who are new to the work of the union. It is not necessary that they be young workers or new to their employment; they may have been a member local for a number of years but were unsure about how to get involved.

2. Who is this conference NOT for?

People who have held elected positions in their local or been involved in a long time are generally not the audience for the intended audience. A new steward might make sense, but not someone who has been involved for more than a year or two and generally knows the structure of the union.

3. What will members learn about at this conference?

The conference exposes members to learning more about the union, including the structure and the multitude of ways that members can get involved, including elected positions like stewards and other things like volunteering at events.

4. What is the benefit of sending someone to this conference?

This conference will hopefully result in more engaged membership that are willing to step up to do more to support the work of the local, rather than relying on the same few volunteers for everything. Following the conference last year in Kelowna, we've seen participants become stewards, volunteer at local events, continue being engaged with the local, and take on other educational opportunities.

5. What costs will we incur sending participants to the conference?

The conference is a 2-day event happening at the Sheraton Guildford in Surrey. The local is responsible for book off costs, per diems, and hotels if needed. There is a room block being held. Conference registration is \$100 per delegate.

6. How many members of my local can I send?

We will start by capping locals at 5 participants each to give as many locals a chance to send participants as possible.



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7. If I have other questions, who can I talk to?

Please email Carissa Taylor at caritaylor@cupe.ca and she will answer your questions or redirect to the appropriate District Council.