



Stronger together **Staff Rep Weekly**

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA Office,
4:00 pm unless otherwise
indicated*

November 11
Remembrance Day

November 12
TTOC Committee

November 14
Professional Issues

November 19–
Adult Educators' Executive
10:00-12:00
Aboriginal Ed

Staff Rep Assembly at Tupper

November 20
WLC / B Committee

November 21
Sustainability Committee

November 22
Professional Development

Collaborative Inquiry– Final Deadline

Members at schools that have not yet applied to engage in collaborative inquiry during the 2013-2014 school year are encouraged to apply before the final deadline of December 2nd, 2013. Members may also work with colleagues at other schools, and submit a cross-district application. Your school's Pro-D committee chair can give you an application.

December 6th Day of Remembrance

The VESTA Status of Women Committee invites everyone to join them to remember the 28 female engineering students who were shot and the 14 who were killed by a lone gunman at Montreal's École Polytechnique on Dec. 6th, 1989. This is a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and the event will occur at 4:00 pm Friday, Dec. 6th at the Marker for Change monument at Thornton Park, at Main St. Skytrain and Pacific Centre Station. We encourage VESTA members to attend.

Upcoming Labour Events

Public Speaking for Women– Thurs. Nov. 7 & 14, 18:00-21:00.
Maritime Labour Centre, Call Keziah to register 604.254.0703

VDLC Young Workers' Craft Fair:

November 19th, 18:00, Maritime Labour Centre (1880 Triumph St. Vancouver) Support young workers to attend the World Youth Festival.

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Violent Incident Reports

When any violent incident occurs at work, a Violent Incident Report must be completed. VSB Health and Safety is now following up with an email or phone calls to develop an Employee Safety Plan in those cases where this is an ongoing concern. This Employee Safety Plan is intended to address the needs of members working with students that may repeatedly behave in a violent manner.

Our VESTA reps on the District Health and Safety Advisory committee are following up on these violent incidents and ensuring that appropriate forms were completed, and that WorkSafeBC is also contacted when necessary. **Make sure to report these!!**