



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 14
Professional Issues

November 18
Status of Women- 4:15

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 Day

November 25
Health and Safety Committee

Working with SSWs

Our members strive to maintain collegial and professional working relationships with Student Support Workers. The BCTF and CUPE have jointly produced a document that provides useful guidance to understanding our working relationship with these colleagues. You can view a copy online and download this document here:

<http://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/Issues/InclusiveEd/RolesandResponsibilitiesTeachersTAs.pdf>

Upcoming Events

VDLC Young Workers' Craft Fair: Tues. Nov. 19th, 6:00-7:00pm, Maritime Labour Centre (1880 Triumph St. Vancouver) Support young workers to attend the World Youth Festival.

CoDevelopment Canada- Rum & Rhythms Fundraiser: CODEV does international solidarity work in Latin America, working with unions to help strengthen civil society. This event is on Thursday, November 28th at Calabash Bistro, 428 Carrall St. Vancouver, starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets cost \$35, available at <http://www.eventbrite.ca/> or call 604.708.1495. Come for rum tasting, light snacks and salsa dancing!

Labour Appreciation Night: On Thurs. Dec. 5th, Hilton Vancouver Metrotown 6:00-21:00. Tickets \$50 at www.uwlm.ca/labourappreciationnight

ADVICE CORNER:

Pro-D Days and Part-time Members

Part time members working at a school are also entitled to participate in the professional development activities offered during the school year. Since most of our Pro-D days have been fixed as Fridays, this creates a problem for part time members who do not work that day.

Any part time member working during the week should share in the total days. For example, a 0.60 FTE teacher is entitled to three of the five self-directed Pro-D days. The member and partner should consider making arrangements to switch work days three times over the year to make this happen. It is common for partners to make internal changes occasionally. Do keep your administrator informed of these schedule changes for Pro-D.

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