



STA Connection November 25-29, 2019



#RedforBCED - On Wednesdays, We Wear Red

Surrey Teachers are wearing red on Wednesdays to stand together for a fair deal. This action has been used effectively by our American colleagues in their struggle for better working and learning conditions, and for fair salaries.

If students ask why you are wearing red, please say only that it is to show support for public education. It is important that you not discuss anything about bargaining with students.

Please post your pictures on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #RedforBCED



- November 26 - Executive Committee
- November 27 - Queer Night Out! @ Townhall Pub - South Surrey
- December 6 - [Gender-Based Violence Workshop](#)

- November 28 - Awards Committee
- December 2 - Pro-D Committee
- December 4 - [IST Union Orientation](#)
- December 5 - Members of Colour Committee
- December 6 - Status of Women Dinner Meeting @ Taste of Punjab
- December 6 - Candlelight Vigil 6 pm @ Holland Park



Come join and socialize at our Queer Night Out event, hosted by STA LGBTQ2+ Adhoc Committee, on **27th November 2019 (Wednesday) from 4pm onwards, at the Townhall Public House – South Surrey**. This event is a safe, inclusive and social opportunity for SOGI Leads, Queer educators, Queer Ally STA members and their family & friends to meet, socialize and celebrate our queer inclusivity movement.

STA STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE'S

ANTI-VIOLENCE TRAINING

DECEMBER 6

12 PM - 3 PM

STA Office
9030 King George Blvd.,
Surrey, BC



Let's Talk About
Gender-based Violence
Presented by
Anastasia Gaisenok

Executive Director of Check Your Head:
The Youth Global Education Network

Join us from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm on **Friday, December 6** for an interactive multimedia session on the reality of violence experienced by women and girls in Canada today, the ways to end it, and the tools available to engage youth in violence prevention.

Presented by **Anastasia Gaisenok**.

Up to 13 teachers can be released for the afternoon to receive this training, and who will go will be determined first come first serve by registering. Teachers will receive a unit ready to use in the classroom or workplace.

Lunch will be provided. [Register now!](#)

**On the 30th Anniversary of the 1989 Montreal massacre and the
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

End Violence Against Women 9th Annual Candlelight Vigil

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2019

6:00 - 7:00 PM

HOLLAND PARK, SURREY, BC



PLEASE BRING AN ITEM TO DONATE TO LOCAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

**Free • Open to all • Wheelchair accessible • Organized by the Public Service Alliance of Canada
West Fraser Valley Area Council and New Westminster & District Labour Council.**

For more information contact Susie Blyth, sockeyesushi@yahoo.ca or Janet Andrews, nwdlc@shawcable.com

2020 BCTF Women's Institute

The third annual BCTF Women's Institute will be held in Richmond on February 13 - 15, 2020. Each Local has been asked to send one member, who identifies as a woman, to this conference. If you would like to be considered as the delegate that Surrey sends (and you have not attended this event before), please send your name to reception@surreyteachers.org by **4:00 pm on November 26**. Selection will be by a random draw.

In addition, the BCTF Executive Committee will select 20 additional delegates. **Preference will be given to those who, in addition to identifying as women, are members of other equity-seeking groups**

and who did not attend the 2018 or 2019 Women's Institutes. The posting can be found [here](#). To apply to be one of these additional delegates, please fill out the [curriculum vitae form](#).

BCTF New Teachers' Conference

The STA will be covering registration fees and mileage for 15 new Surrey teachers to attend the BCTF New Teachers' Conference on Saturday, January 25, 2020 in Richmond. If you'd like to be considered, please email reception@surreyteachers.org by 4:00 pm on November 26. If we receive more names than we have spots, we will be selecting attendees by a random draw.

The conference will feature a renowned keynote speaker, a panel of teachers, a wide range of workshop topics, and a resource fair displaying teaching material and more. Most of all, this event is an opportunity to network with teachers coming from all over the province and make some new lifelong friendships. The registration fee includes a welcoming reception in the evening before the conference as well as breakfast, lunch, and refreshments.

The conference is specifically designed to serve teachers who have been teaching for five years or less, it is also open to teachers who have come back to the classroom after a leave or who changed district and/or workload. (Student teachers are encouraged to attend, but aren't eligible to be sent at union's expense)

[Register now!](#)

Nominations Open for Prestigious BCTF Awards

Nominations are now open for the Federation's most coveted awards. The winners are invited to the Annual General Meeting to be honoured by colleagues from across the province.

- The [Bob Rosen Social Justice Award](#) is granted to a member or honorary associate member who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution in working for systemic change on issues of social justice. Applications are due by January 31, 2020.
- The [Stewart Schon Award](#) is granted to a member or honorary associate member who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the health and safety of BCTF members. Applications are due by January 31, 2020.
- The [G.A. Fergusson Award](#) is granted annually to a BCTF member (or former member) who has made an outstanding contribution to public education. Applications are due by February 10, 2020.
- Nominations are also open for [Honorary Life Memberships](#). Applications are due by February 10, 2020.
- There are also many other [award opportunities](#) available on the BCTF website.

STA Awards Recipients 2019

Each year, the STA awards scholarships, bursaries, and the Jennifer Wadge Memorial Social Justice Award. Through their hard work and determination, these students (view [Spring 2019 Recipients](#) and [Fall 2019 Recipients](#)) have proven themselves worthy of acknowledgement. On behalf of the Awards Committee and the STA, we recognize their achievements and wish them continued success in their academic and professional pursuits.



We are so proud to be Surrey Teachers and we know there are amazing things happening around the district that we would love to hear about. In the spirit of acts of kindness, we would love for our members to send us a “shout out” about a colleague who inspires you and who you think deserves recognition, whether it is for their kindness, a great resource they shared recently, or an awesome lesson they teach.

This week’s shout out is from Katrina Wisniewski to Garth Findlay:

“Shoutout to Garth Findlay for helping out MB Sanford by filling in the grade 5 position until we find a long term teacher! The students needed a routine and thankfully your experience has given them the ability to have a great start to the year!”

Thank you Katrina, you and Garth are now entered into our monthly draw for a \$25 Indigo! gift certificate. Please submit your “shout outs” to Angela via communications@surreyteachers.org to spread the kindness around our local and for your chance to win a gift card too!

Community Opportunities

January Marie Lapuz Youth Leadership Award

The January Marie Lapuz Youth Leadership Award is an annual award for a youth who is 16 to 30 years of age and who has demonstrated involvement, commitment, and leadership in the LGBTQ community whether locally, nationally, and/or internationally. Applications from groups who also service this age group are welcome. The deadline to apply is December 31 at noon. Cash prizes up to \$1000 will be awarded. More information can be found at www.shervancouver.com/youth-award.html



Exploring Humanitarian Law Teacher Training

Learn to implement practical activities dealing with global conflict such as refugees, child soldiers, gender-based violence and attacks on civilians, hospitals and schools at this FREE workshop taking place on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8, 2019 at the Canadian Red Cross, Burnaby, BC. Participants will receive the easy-to-use, adaptable Exploring Humanitarian Law toolkit, Canada and Conflict toolkit, and a certificate of completion. This is aimed at

students 13-18 years of age and complements subjects such as social studies, history, law, and language arts.

To register please [click here](#). If you have any questions please contact Karyn at karyn.stone@redcross.ca



Voices Into Action

If you're looking for personal narratives, explaining incomprehensible injustice and survival then try this **FREE online, ERAC approved, curriculum-based, award winning secondary school resource**.

Topics include racism/prejudice/discrimination, genocide, historical and contemporary hatred. Over 35 videos (5-7 mins long) with first person accounts of pivotal moments in history to reach and move students. Plus, lessons/activities to choose from. www.voicesintoaction.ca



"Help My Grandma Day" Digital Video Storytelling Contest

"Help My Grandma Day" is a digital video storytelling contest for BC students and seniors. The contest invites young people to connect with a senior, make a video together, and submit for big prizes including tuition at BC universities and colleges. The contest runs from September 2019 to January 2020 with an award event planned for February 2020. For more information about "Help My Grandma Day", please visit www.helpmygrandmaday.ca.

