

# STA CONNECTION

May 29-June 2, 2023

## Thank You to All Our School Union Reps!

A big shout-out to the Union Reps in our schools! As a union representative you play a critical role at worksites ensuring that provisions in our Collective Agreement are protected and our members' voices are heard and respected. We deeply appreciate all that you do for staff at your school.

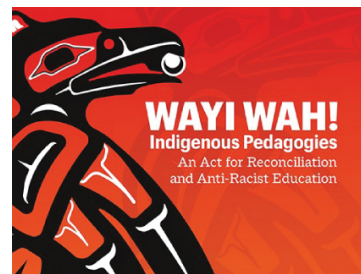
STA members, please send an appreciation message for your Health & Safety Rep, Pro-D Rep, and Staff Rep/s to [communications@surreyteachers.org](mailto:communications@surreyteachers.org) and we will enter both your names into a draw for a reward every week for the month of June.

## Elementary Prep Time

As school staff committees and staff reps consider bell schedules and prep schedules for next year, they should keep in mind that prep periods will normally be allocated in at least 30-minute periods. [Read more](#)

## Professional Resource Raffle

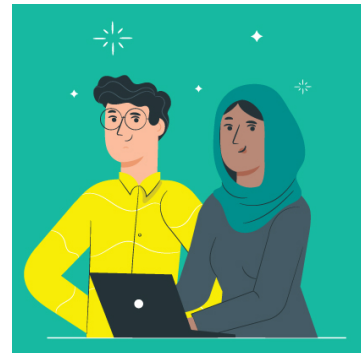
The STA Pro-D Committee is raffling off a copy of Jo Chrona's book, [Wayi Wah! Indigenous Pedagogies: An Act for Reconciliation and Anti-Racist Education](#). To enter the draw for this book giveaway, send your name to [communications@surreyteachers.org](mailto:communications@surreyteachers.org) by May 31, 2023. [Read more](#)



## New Teachers' Conference for TTOCs: June 7, 2023

Are you new to teaching? Do you have questions about what your union has to offer? Your pay cheque? For answers, you can attend our New Teachers' Conference for TTOCs that will be held on Wednesday, June 7 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the STA Office. Release time is provided for you to attend. [Register now](#)

Note: This event is for Teachers Teaching on-Call who do not have a part-time contract



You may find yourself in an unfamiliar or unexpected workplace situation. Please know the STA has several services to provide support:

## Looking for Support?

1. [Mentorship](#) Program – [Mentor36](#)
2. [Peer Support Services](#)
3. [STA Mediation Service](#)

4. [Conflict Coaching](#)
  5. Email or call your elected [Full-Time Table Officers](#) (FTTOs) who are here to assist you.
  6. Access the [Employee Family Assistance Plan](#) (EFAP), the [BCTF Starling Minds Program](#), or the [BCTF Health & Wellness Program](#)
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## Truth and Reconciliation

### Reconciliation in your Community

[Watch a TEDx presentation](#) by Carolyn Roberts as she explains how reconciliation can happen in your community. She invites us to consider what was learned within the Canadian School system about Indigenous people and Indigenous education and provides a local perspective and recent history about the impacts of Residential schools and foster care. She urges us to spend Aboriginal Month in June learning about what we can do about Reconciliation as a Canadian citizens. For more resources visit <https://www.carolynroberts.net/>

### Hearts and Hands Pins for Truth and Reconciliation Learning Resources

After watching Carolyn Roberts TEDx Talk, how will you share your curiosity and willingness to learn about reconciliation in your community? Submit a reflection on your learning to [communications@surreyteachers.org](mailto:communications@surreyteachers.org) and we will send a gift your way created by the artist Carey Newman - Hayalthkin'geme (@blueravenart on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)).



Be sure to include your school and courier number in your submission please.

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## STA Committees

### Young Worker Pub Night: June 1, 2023

STA Young Workers Committee is hosting an evening of relaxation at the Dublin Crossing Irish Pub (18789 Fraser Hwy #101, Surrey) on Thursday, June 1 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This event, for members aged 35 and under, is aimed at connecting with our profession's leaders of tomorrow! The first 10 participants to sign up and show up will receive a \$10 Starbucks gift card. Your first drink and appies are on us! [Read more](#)

**Please note:** The social space at the Dublin is on the second floor of the venue. There are stairs that may provide difficulty for some participants. [Register now](#)



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## Other Events

### **BCTF: Salary Indemnity Plan Consultation and Town Halls**

The BCTF will be hosting three virtual town hall meetings in May to answer members' questions and to receive member input on the governance review of the Salary Indemnity Plan (SIP). The town halls will take place at 4:00 p.m. on May 15, 23, and 30. [Register](#) to attend. You can also watch this [20-minute video](#) that provides an overview of the work being done for the SIP review process.

### **Sher Vancouver Bollywood Banquet Hall: Saturday, July 8, 2023**

Join Sher Vancouver as they mark their 15th anniversary at the Bollywood Banquet Hall. [Sher Vancouver](#) is a registered charity for LGBTQ+ South Asians and their friends, families, and allies. The event includes South Asian and fusion arts and cultural performances, classical music, delicious food, colorful cupcakes with rainbow icing, and the highlights of our 15-year history in Surrey and Metro Vancouver.

You can register and buy tickets [here](#).

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## Community News

### **June is 2SLGBTQI+ Month**

Here are a couple of resources from the BCTF that you can use and share with your staff and students:

#### **1. Rodney Sharman's: The Pronoun Symphony**

The Pronoun Symphony is a creative way to introduce a topic like gender and pronouns. Based on Hadyn's Surprise Symphony, this composition was created by composer Rodney Sharman. The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra played it in an arrangement created for the VSO Symphonic Pride in 2021 that featured soprano soloist Teiya Kasahara. Watch the performance here [https://youtu.be/8S\\_Z3Dtweok](https://youtu.be/8S_Z3Dtweok).

#### **2. Pride Education Network**

Here is a resource package for teachers with various teacher guides and helpful websites.

<https://www.pridenet.ca/resources>



### **BCTF Committee for Action on Social Justice (CASJ) LGBTQ2S+ Action Group**

There is currently one vacancy for a one-year term on the LGBTQ2S+ Action Group of the Committee for Action on Social Justice. For more information about the work of this committee, and to apply, visit the [online posting](#). The **deadline** to apply is **June 9**.

### **BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner Baseline Project Survey**

The BC Office of the Human Rights Commissioner is seeking input as part of a project to monitor and evaluate the state of human rights across BC. Your contributions in this survey contribute to establishing a human rights baseline for BC, and help influence policy, raise public awareness, and deepen relationships across the province. [Click here](#) to learn more about the survey and to participate. The survey is **open** until **June 9**.

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## Upcoming Events

### STA Events

**May 29**

Empowered Girls Conference  
Non-Instructional Day

**May 30**

Executive Committee  
Round 2 Closes at 4:30 pm

**May 31**

BIPOC Teacher Summit

**June 1**

Ad Hoc Members of Colour Committee  
[Young Worker Pub Night](#)

**June 2**

TTOC Advisory Committee

**June 5**

Pro-D Committee  
Ad Hoc Environmental Justice Committee

**June 6**

STARA Steering Committee

**June 7**

Health & Safety Committee  
Ad Hoc LST Advisory Committee  
Indigenous Education Committee

**June 9**

STA Retirement Dinner

**June 13**

Executive Committee

**June 14**

STARA Meeting

**June 15**

Deadline for Changing to/from 12 Month  
Pay Scheme

### Other Important Dates

**May**

[Asian Heritage Month](#)  
[Mental Health Awareness Month](#)  
[National Jewish Heritage Month in Canada](#)

**May 24-27**

[Aboriginal Awareness Week](#)

**May 28-June 3**

[National Accessibility Week](#)

**June**

[2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month](#)  
[Indigenous History Month](#)

**June 1**

[Injured Workers' Day](#)

**June 5-11**

[Canadian Environment Week](#)

**June 5**

[World Environment Day](#)

**June 8**

[World Ocean Day](#)

**June 12**

[World Day Against Child Labour](#)

**June 18**

[Autistic Pride Day](#)

For more, visit [United Nations International awareness dates](#)

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that STA members have the privilege of working on the unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish peoples, the q'w̓a:ḥ̓'əḥ̓ (Kwantlen), q̓ic̓əy̓ (Katzie), q̓iq̓éyt (Qayqayt) and semi'ɑ:mu: (Semiahmoo) who have cared for this land for thousands of years, and who continue to care for this land. As educators, we are committed to actions aimed at healing the broken relationship between settlers and Indigenous peoples.