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NextGen News: Focused on the Future

Happy New Year!

With the new year upon us, it is time to recommit ourselves to building a stronger IBEW. NextGen was started back in 2011 with the goal to engage, communicate and educate IBEW members 35-years-of-age and younger. Today, many Local Unions have started NextGen Committees as a way to get more younger members engaged. If you want to start a Committee, find out what your Committee can do, or get your NextGen Committee an official charter, talk to your Local Union Leadership or contact Kate Walsh (kate walsh@ibew.org) at the First District Office.

Upcoming IBEW Eastern and Western Winter School

One of the objectives in our Constitution is to "To organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local unions" Because of this, the focus of our annual Eastern (Toronto) and Western (Victoria, BC) Winter School this year will be Communication for the Purpose of Organizing. Interested in learning more? Talk to your local Union leadership, but do it quickly, as the deadlines for reservations are fast approaching.

Fight Against Schedule 17 Continues: Ontario

By this time you may have heard that Bill 70 has passed and received Royal Assent. Some parts of Schedule 17 are in force. Other parts have not yet been Proclaimed. Does that mean that the fight is over? No. Far from it. Regulations haven't been written to implement the law. We can still influence change. Check out the IBEW CCO's website for information on Schedule 17 and what you can do by clicking here.

Helpful and Handy Resources

The Canadian Labour Congress held their first-ever National Young Worker Summit back in October of last year. They have since shared some of the helpful workshop resources to continue to build young worker power, many of which the IBEW helped to create. Check out these links below:

#1 Be It Resolved That Clear Language Is the Way to Go!

Workshop: Be it resolved: How to get maximum impact on your motion or resolution.

What is it? How to write resolutions for your conventions and meetings using clear language.

Hint: CLC Convention is coming up in May 2017, so if you're submitting resolutions, this will be super helpful.

Download it in English **here**, and in French **here**.

#2 The Structure of the Labour Movement in Canada

Workshop: Regional Workshops

What is it? A quick guide on the structure of the labour movement - from local unions to the International Trade Unions Confederation.

Download it in English $\underline{\text{here}}$, and in French $\underline{\text{here}}$.

#3 One Million Climate Jobs: A Challenge for Canada

Workshop: One Million Climate Jobs - How to lobby provincial and municipal politicians like a pro.

What is it? A call to action on climate change, and a brief explanation of the 4-point 1MCJ plan to create decent, green jobs.

Note: This is an updated version of the tip sheet distributed in October 2016. Download it in English <u>here</u>, and in French <u>here</u>.

NextGen Local Union Committees

Contact Kate Walsh (<u>kate_walsh@ibew.org</u>) to submit an article on your Local Union NextGen Committee for the next newsletter. We want to hear from you!

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