

National Literacy Working Group Report 2010

It is with great pleasure that I represent the CUPE members of Prince Edward Island on the National Literacy Working Group (LWG). The Literacy Working Group met in Ottawa this past December of 2009. It will meet again in March 2010 in Montreal for the All Committees Meeting and the LWG meetings. A full Highlight Report of the December meeting is posted on the CUPE PEI website at under the "National Literacy Working Group Committee" tab on the home page.

2010 marks the 10th Anniversary of the CUPE Literacy Program!

This is a time of transition for the working group as a number of long term members are retiring or moving into other roles in the union.

The LWG is very pleased with the decision made to revise the CUPE National Constitution into clear language. The LWG would like to thank the National Executive Board for putting forward this resolution.

Here on PEI I have continued to build awareness and advancing CUPE's Literacy work, advocating for the Clear Language and Workplace Education Programs in the following ways:

- Submitted Literacy Resolutions.
- Set up a Literacy table at the CUPE PEI Convention.
- Posted Literacy Reports, information and links on the CUPE PEI's website.
- Reporting to Division.
- Advocated for the Literacy in the Workplace and Clear Language Workshops to be held in PEI.

CUPE has a long tradition of creating learning opportunities for its members and their families. Through Workplace Literacy Programs members become informed, effective participants and leaders. They gain workplace skills, knowledge, and abilities in an ever changing world. Members become engaged in in collective struggles to not only improve their lives, but the lives of their families and communities. Their jobs may improve.

I am proud to be part of the labour movement to build the union by promoting, and raising awareness of Literacy and Clear Language Programs. I am proud to be part of the LWG's work to make inclusion a reality for all members!

Respectfully submitted,
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