

SESSION 6 - Thursday, May 17th
Can Labour and Social Activists Make Progress
Through the Law? An open discussion
Moderated by Mable Elmore

Panelists:

Leo McGrady

Lawyer

On Civil Disobedience

Tara Scurr

Amnesty International

On Environmental Activism

Mark Leier

Director SFU Labour Studies

On Civil Disobedience in the

Labour Movement

TBA

The Women's Movement

TBA

BCTF

On importance of public support

Each panelist will provide a 5 minute perspective prior to opening up the floor to a round robin discussion among panelists and activists.

Series evaluation forms will be distributed and the completed forms collected to aid the Education Committee to plan future activities.

Registration Fees - \$45 for the series, \$10 per session.

Early registration is requested for planning purposes, but sessions are open to drop-ins.

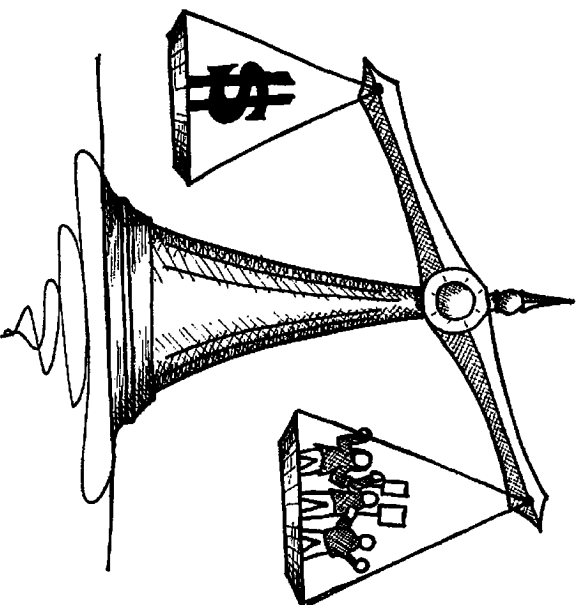
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The Vancouver and District Labour Council
Education Committee Presents

Organizing:

Despite The Law

A 6 week discussion series for
Union and Social Activists



“The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets and to steal bread.”

Anatole France, 1844 – 1924
Nobel Prize – Literature 1921



Organizing, Despite the Law!

6 Thursdays – April 12 – May 17, 2007
7:00 to 9:30 pm

CAW Canada Hall,
326 12th Street,
New Westminster, B.C.

Introduction

Labour laws have always been designed by employers and their allies to restrain workers' capacity to organize and fight for a better world at work and within our communities. This 6 week discussion series is designed for social and union activists who believe a better world is possible to provide an overview of the legal framework, within which we work, to broaden our collective understanding to improve our organizing, despite the law! Each session will provide an overview of the issues and ensure time for activist discussion and input.

Series Moderators: Mable Elmore and Jef Keighley.

SESSION 1 - Thursday, April 12th

Organizing, Despite the Law

Series Introduction –Jef Keighley

Your Limited Rights In A Non-Union Workplace

Facilitator, David Ages is a retired Regional Manager/Officer of the Lower Mainland, Employment Standards Branch, lifetime union activist, and industrial first aid attendant.

SESSION 2 - Thursday, April 19th

Fighting For Dignity and Respect

Facilitator Anita Braha is a progressive lawyer specializing in Human Rights advocacy, pay equity, sexual harassment, and anti-discrimination under both provincial and federal jurisdictions.

SESSION 3 - Thursday, April 26th

Workers' Health and Safety: The Struggle Continues

Facilitator Cathy Walker is a retired National Health and Safety Director for CAW Canada and one of Canada's pre-eminent workers' advocates on industrial health and safety.

SESSION 4 - Thursday, May 3rd

Organizing Tactics and Strategy under current Labour legislation (pre-certification)

Facilitator John Bowman is the BC Alberta Director of Organizing for CAW Canada and an experienced union organizer and legal advocate under both provincial and federal Labour Codes.

SESSION 5 - Thursday, May 10th

Effective Union Tactics Under The Provincial And Federal Labour Codes (post-certification)

Facilitator Leo McGrady is a prominent labour lawyer committed to workers' rights and success under both the provincial and federal Labour Codes.