

NextGen News: Focused on the Future

IBEW Sister Speaks Out, Attends BC Fed Convention

Sister Jackie Oliver attended the Convention for the B.C. Federation of Labour and shares her experience below. Every IBEW Local Union belongs to their Provincial Federation of Labour, many of which have space for young workers to get involved. Make sure to ask your Local Union, or contact your provincial federation of labour to learn more.

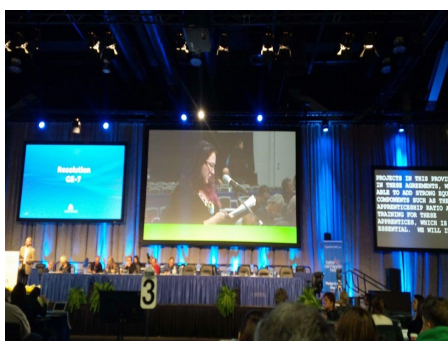
I attended the biennial Federation of Labour Convention as a youth delegate. It was an inspiring and exciting event gathering 51 affiliated unions with brothers and sisters from all over BC. Each day we had engaging speakers like, Dr. Cindy Blackstock from the Caring Society of Canada whose keynote speech on her work supporting First Nation communities.

This spring, BC will face a provincial election, during the Convention, the Fed launched their political action campaign, which you can [check out here](#). BC NDP leader John Horgan rallied the crowd on election issues like \$10 a day childcare, MSP premiums, investing in our youth, banning big money in provincial politics

and keeping jobs in our province! "It's time we left the 1950's and embrace the modernity and dynamism of this beautiful province." John preached about feeling the power of being together - sounds a lot like solidarity, eh? Similar to the IBEW Convention, we heard committee reports and recommendations, which the delegation spoke on and then voted to accept or reject, and then repeated this process for resolutions. It was in one of these moments Lee Loftus – President of the BC building trades asked me to speak in favour of resolution GE-7. (This can be found on Page 191 of the [Resolutions Document found here](#).) This resolution was put forth by BC IBEW locals regarding project labour agreements (PLA'S). So there I was on day five announcing to the delegation "I am a proud journey-level electrician with the IBEW and we NEED PLA's." Through my nervousness I persevered with conviction and the delegation carried our resolution! Talk about an adrenaline rush! I'm so thankful for this experience and the push into politics it gave me.

In solidarity,

Jackie Oliver, RSE, Local 230, Victoria BC



Sister Jackie Oliver, RSE, at the mic at the BC Fed

CHALLENGE: Local 105 NextGen Committee Participating in Oldest Race in North America

The Local 105 NextGen Committee are currently fundraising to participate in **Around the Bay**, the oldest race in North America, to raise money for St. Joseph Healthcare in Hamilton. All NextGen Committees that can make it, are asked to contact [Rich DiPietro](#), at Local 105, to find out how they can join in. Let's show them what the IBEW and NextGen can do!

IBEW Participates in Federal Roundtable on Youth Employment

On February 3, NextGen Strategic Coordinator Kate Walsh, participated in the Federal Government's Toronto session of the roundtables held across the country to discuss the issues surrounding youth employment. In December, an interim report was released by the Expert Panel leading these roundtables, where labour was noticeably absent so the opportunity to participate was important. Having the IBEW, as well as several other unions present, brought a strong voice on the importance of skilled trades and apprenticeships to addressing youth employment; the need to have good jobs with decent pay, benefits and pensions and full time over precarious, part time jobs that the workforce is tending towards, were all brought up by the IBEW and other unions present. Stay tuned for the Expert Panel's final report and voice your opinion through their social media links (Twitter: Use #youthpanel Facebook: [click here](#))

RENEW/NextGen Conference Registration Opens March 1st

The 2017 RENEW/NextGen Conference will be held at the Westin Convention Centre in Pittsburgh, PA from Thursday September 21, 2017 through Saturday September 23, 2017. The Conference will focus on workshops and training activities that invest in the future of our organization. This will mark the third conference and we are hoping to have a strong Canadian showing. Talk to your Local Union Leadership for more information.

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