



January 24, 2024

Attention: Heads of SFL Affiliated Unions

**Re: Saskatchewan Polytechnic Career Fairs
Tradespeople Volunteers Needed**

One of the goals of the SFL Apprenticeship Committee is to grow awareness in the province to the fact that there is a lack of representation of women and diversity in the trades. There are challenges of educating and recruiting from this group and the lack of opportunities for employment in a union workplace.

As an Apprenticeship Committee, we want to let workers in the province know of the advantages of being or becoming a tradesperson in the unionized environment and the opportunities afforded to them through better working conditions, wages, health and safety regulations, health benefits, job security and many others. It is our intent to promote diversity and inclusion for all workers, including workers with disabilities, and that the trade route of education is an excellent choice for a career.

We are asking for your assistance to ensure these groups are represented from our current workforce, throughout all of our SFL affiliate unions, at the various upcoming Saskatchewan Polytechnic Career Fair booths. We are calling for volunteers who are currently tradespersons to attend the career fairs and to speak of their trade and the benefits to them, both personally and professionally, and the satisfaction of being a union tradesperson. This would bring awareness to the fact that unions are about diversity and inclusion and to show solidarity and pride in their career paths to make a difference in the province.

If you have a member(s) in your local who would like to volunteer and is able to attend one of the career fairs at the following locations, please contact the SFL Apprenticeship Committee Chair, Jason Prokopchuk at jasonprokopchuk@gmail.com by February 8, 2024 for registration:

Moose Jaw: March 13, 2024 (9:30 am - 2:00 pm)

Regina: March 14, 2024 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Saskatoon: March 19, 2024 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Prince Albert: March 21, 2024 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Please note, the lost time/expenses of your member(s) to attend the career fair(s) would be the responsibility of your local.

Thank you for your consideration of supporting this important initiative in promoting trades to the province.

In Solidarity,

Jason Prokopchuk, Chair
SFL Apprenticeship Committee

cc: Lori Johb, President, Saskatchewan Federation of Labour
SFL Apprenticeship Committee Members