



VANCOUVER and DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL



October 7, 2026

To: All VDLC Affiliates and Delegates

**Subject: VDLC WOMEN & GENDER RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Scholarship for Women's Leadership Programs at Harrison Winter School 2027**

The VDLC Women & Gender Rights Committee is once again offering a scholarship to the CLC Harrison Winter School for a VDLC delegate who identifies as a woman. The scholarship applies to a course at the Harrison Winter School 2027 that is designed to build leadership skills and knowledge among women labour activists. The Annual International Women's Day Dinner funds the scholarship.

The VDLC Women & Gender Rights Scholarship covers the full **\$2,835.00** registration fee (including room accommodation and meals), plus up to \$1,500.00 for wage replacement, if required, to ensure time off work. Please note that leave of absence arrangements are the responsibility of the individual and their union.

The criteria for the successful recipient are on the attached scholarship application form. Application forms can also be downloaded from the Resources page on the VDLC website at <http://vdlc.ca> . The application deadline is **10:00am on Friday November 13, 2026**.

The successful candidate will be contacted within five (5) days of the closing date. If there is no suitable candidate, the award will be retained until 2028.

For more information, please contact the VDLC office at 604-254-0703 or by email at office@vdlc.ca .

In solidarity,

Stephen von Sychowski
President on behalf of the Women & Gender Rights Chairs
Chloe Martin-Cabanne & Kari Nakken

cc: VDLC Executive

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VDLC 2027 Women & Gender Rights Committee Scholarship CLC Harrison Winter School

The following criteria will be used to select the successful application for the VDLC 2027 Women & Gender Rights Committee Scholarship.

The successful candidate will be:

- ❖ Someone who identifies as a woman,
- ❖ An active delegate in the VDLC,
- ❖ Endorsed for the scholarship by their affiliated union as indicated by the signature of a ranking officer of your union/local,
- ❖ Recommended courses include (only a recommendation: you are not required to register for these to be the successful applicant):
 - ❖ Women in Leadership
 - ❖ Young Workers in Action
 - ❖ Parliamentary Procedure & Public Speaking
 - ❖ Debunking Myths and Shifting Power: A Worker's Guide to the Economy
 - ❖ A Path to Reconciliation: Standing in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
- ❖ Considered on the basis of a letter explaining their commitment to the labour movement and how they intend to apply the requested course to the benefit of the VDLC, their union, and the labour movement.

Application

Please Print

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____, BC Postal Code _____

Telephone (c) _____ (w) _____ (h) _____

Email _____ Union & Local _____

Requested CLC Course:

(If your 1st choice course is full, we will try to register you for your 2nd or 3rd choice)

1st choice _____ Week # _____

2nd choice _____ Week # _____

3rd choice _____ Week # _____

Labour courses previously taken:

❖ _____	❖ _____
❖ _____	❖ _____

Accommodation: Shared accommodation is NOT offered for the 2027 Winter school. There will only be single accommodation, which is the cost for the week of \$2,835.00.

Childcare subsidy: Please contact the VDLC office for more information about subsidies to bring dependent children.

Do you have any **special needs**? Yes _____ No _____ (if yes, you will be asked to contact the CLC to describe IF AWARDED THE SCHOLARSHIP).

Wage Replacement: If awarded this scholarship, you will be responsible for arranging your release from your job. It is recommended that you consult with your union. If requesting wage replacement from the VDLC, the maximum reimbursement will be \$1,500.00 based on provision of your pay record for that period.

Signature of your Union's ranking officer (e.g. President or Secretary-Treasurer):

My signature below confirms that this applicant is endorsed by their union and recommended for this scholarship.

Please Print

Ranking Officer's Name _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Cell _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND ATTACH YOUR LETTER

The letter (no longer than 2 pages) should describe your commitment to the labour movement and how you intend to apply what you learn in the requested course to benefit the VDLC, your union and the labour movement.

Return completed application to:

Vancouver & District Labour Council

Suite 170 – 111 Victoria Drive

Vancouver, BC V5L 4C4

or

email to: office@vdlc.ca

APPLICATION DEADLINE

10:00am – Friday November 13, 2026