



The Call Out

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Back to Vic in 2012...



The Main entrance to Victoria College with its famous inscription, "The Truth Shall Make You Free" (above) and (below) the main entrance/foyer where members register and gather for breakfast and lunch.



The District 12 Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit (OTBU) will be hosting our annual Professional Development Day this year at Victoria College, University of Toronto. The bargaining unit executive decided to return to this venerable location after many positive comments from teachers who attended the 2011 PD Day sessions at 'Vic'.

Members appreciated the central location and the university environment which lent itself to spending the day, networking with colleagues, learning new, valuable information and skills and simply having the opportunity to stroll the grounds of the University of Toronto, or visit nearby museums.

As in the past, a light breakfast will be available for members who decide to attend, and a full lunch will also be provided between the morning and afternoon sessions.

Please see the information inside for more details on the sessions being run on the day and for the timing of workshops and plenary sessions. You will also find information on how to sign up for the workshops and how to register to ensure that the Planning Committee provides enough food and enough spaces so that people may be able to spend a relaxing and informative day.

We would ask that if you are planning to attend that you follow the instructions for registration and sign up early to be sure that you get to attend the workshop(s) of your choice.

See everybody on the 17th!

You Are Invited!

OTBU D12 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FEBRUARY 17, 2012

All members are encouraged to join us for the Professional Development Day activities planned for February 17, 2012. As in 2011, the workshops will be held at Victoria College, University of Toronto. Please look at the program laid out below and sign up for a morning and an afternoon workshop. In order to register for the workshop(s) of your choice, please:

1. call the OTBU office at 416-423-3600, or,
2. fax 416-423-5932, or,
3. email otbud12@sympatico.ca

and indicate clearly that you will be attending and which workshops you would like to attend. The caterers who will be providing the light breakfast and lunch need to know numbers in order to have enough food for everyone. If you have any food restrictions or food allergies please let the Bargaining Unit know well in advance so that the caterers at Victoria College can make appropriate arrangements.

Please note that this is an unpaid day for Occasional Teachers

Programme - Morning

- 8:30 - 9:30 Registration, Coffee and Light Breakfast
- 9:30 - 10:45 **SmartFind Express and the Allocation of Jobs** - TDSB - Christine McGahey and Sam Venneri [Plenary Session]
Tips for Occasional Teachers, how to successfully navigate SmartFind Express and the TDSB web site.
- 11:00 - 12:30 **CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING**
- A. **Classroom Management for Occasional Teachers**
Occasional Teachers walk into a new classroom situation every day. They have no control over curriculum, they, generally, don't know the names and habits of the students. This is a different situation than is the case for contract teachers. This workshop will look at some of the strategies that have worked successfully for Occasional Teachers.
Or
- B. **A Political Focus on Current Labour Issues - Panel Discussion - moderated by Paul Bocking Exec Officer OTBU**
(Paul LePage, CUPE Local 416, Carolyn Eagan, President Toronto Area Council, Brendan Bruce, Occupy Toronto participant, Preethy Sivakumar, Organizer, Toronto and York Region Labour Council)
- Unions and working people are currently experiencing numerous challenges from the local level to the global. Aggressive employers from Caterpillar-Electro-motive in London ON to the City of Toronto, are attacking benefits and working conditions which workers have long taken for granted. The panel will discuss the current climate for workers in Ontario, and what we can do to build solidarity between communities and unions and public and private sector workers.
Or
- C. **Boundary Issues for Occasional Teachers**
Protect yourself ! You deal with different students in a day. Miscommunication is easy, even for the most experienced of teachers, and can lead to unwanted, unintended results. Find out what to watch for and how to avoid nasty or uncompromising situations.
- 12:30 1:15 **LUNCH - Draw for Prize**

Programme - Afternoon

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B. **School Law - Wendy Hirsheggar, OSSTF Provincial Office**

This workshop will provide participants with information about the various legislation, including the *Education Act*, that impact teachers' roles and responsibilities as workers within the education sector. Find out how the laws have an impact on you as a teacher. Knowing the law is empowering.

You must contact us via phone (416)-423-3600, fax (416) 423-5932 or email otbud12@sympatico.ca to let us know what workshops you are interested in attending. Space is limited for some sessions. Avoid disappointment. Register early, before February 10th.

Please send in (fax) or give us (Phone/email) the following information:

Name: _____ Employee No. _____

Email: _____

Morning workshops I would like to attend:

Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____

Afternoon Workshop I would like to attend:

Choice: _____

I have the following food restrictions: _____

I have the following food allergies: _____



**Christine McGahey and Sam Venneri
from the TDSB**



**VP Ann Burke thanks presenter Paul Brown
in the Cyber-bullying workshop (2011)**

Location & Map

Victoria College is located at
191 Charles St. West, Toronto ON, M5S 1K5

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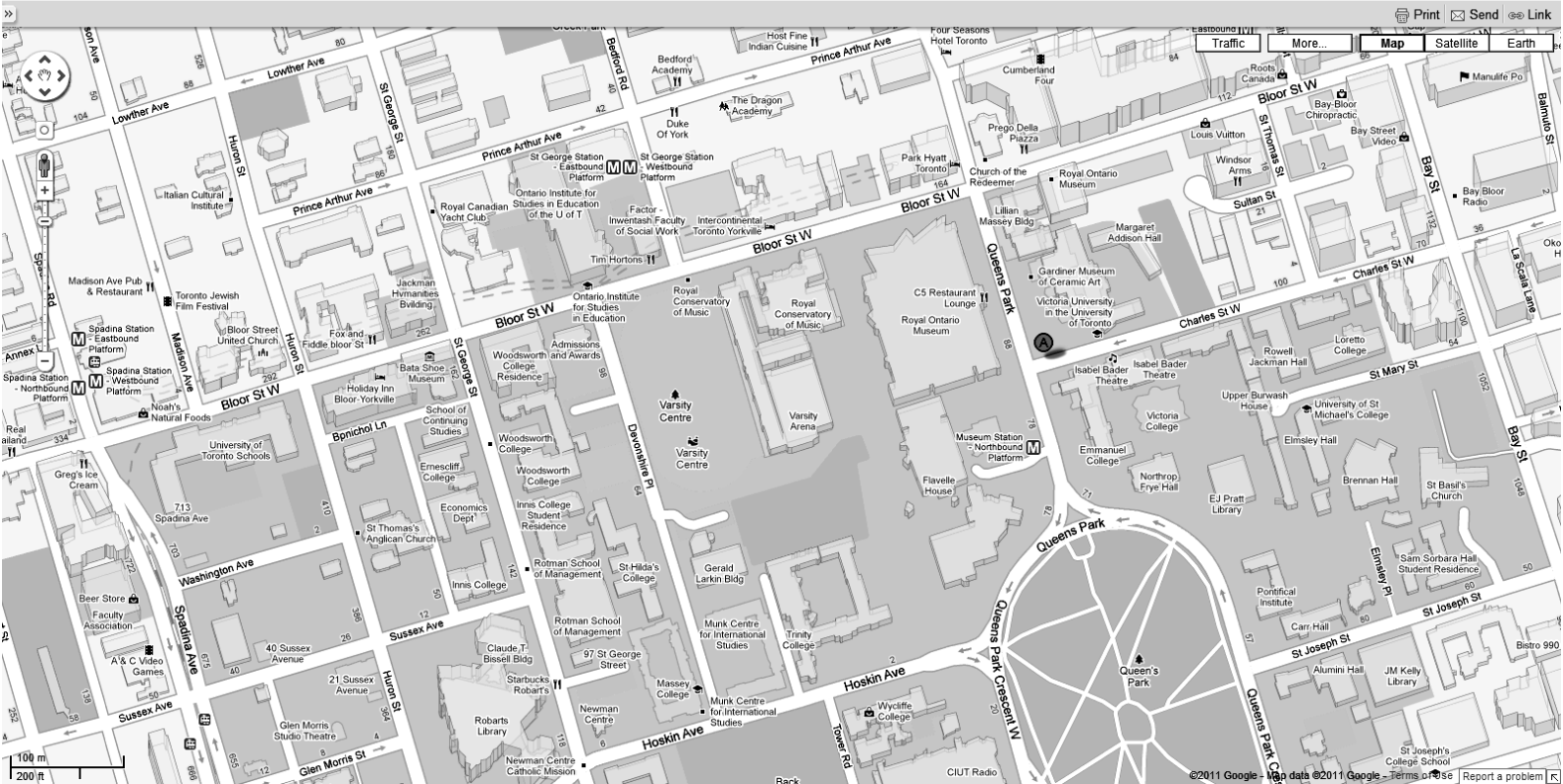
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Directions

Exit the east side of **Museum** Subway and walk approximately 20 yards down Charles Street. As you approach a building labeled Isabelle Bader Theatre, look to your right and there is a beautiful brick building with turrets. This is old Victoria Building.

Parking

Parking is available at surrounding commercial lots, but may be limited as this is a very busy area of the city. Underground parking is available at Jackman Hall. The daily cost is approximately 10 dollars.

It is recommended that, wherever possible, members attending the PD Day might want to use public transit (**Museum** Station.) which is in easy walking distance of Victoria College. 2 TTC tokens will be provided to every member who attends.

Long-Term Occasional Teacher Candidates

If a school offers you an interview time during the day, you may ask the principal if you could meet after school so that you can work during the day as an Occasional Teacher.