

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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**TODAY**

04.00 - 6.00 PM

## YEAR END GENERAL MEETING

- ELECTIONS
- BARGAINING
- PRIZES



## 2025-2026 Elections

### CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following CTA Executive Committee positions will be filled at the  
**CTA Year End General Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 7, 2025

- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Local Reps to the BCTF (2)
- Members - at - Large (5)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as Indigenous (1)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as a person of colour (1)

## TTOC Appreciation Social

Thursday May 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM

2324 Elgin Avenue, Port Coquitlam, BC



All TTOC's are invited to join us at Samz Neighborhood Pub in Port Coquitlam to celebrate all of the amazing contributions you make to our classrooms!!

We are looking forward to a fun night, relax, meet other TTOC's, play games, and win some prizes!  
Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

## FOOD GAMES PRIZES

TO EVERYONE WORKING  
AS A TEACHER  
TEACHING ON CALL

one great **BIG**  
Thank you!



May 5-9 is TTOC  
Appreciation Week





## Local Returning Officer 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

Are you interested in being involved with the CTA and already attend Rep Assemblies and General Meetings? This position does not involve extra meetings, just the ones you already attend.

Duties include:

- conducting local elections
- appointing members to the Nominating & Balloting Committee as deemed necessary
- helping with local & provincial votes

Familiarity with Robert's Rules of Order and our CTA Policies and Procedures, would be helpful, but not essential, as you learn on the job.

Members interested in this position should go to our website for a curriculum vitae form ([Forms & Scholarships](#)), which must be submitted to [corbeyhj@cta43.org](mailto:corbeyhj@cta43.org) at the CTA by 4:30 pm on Wednesday May 14, 2025.

Interviews will be held at the May 21, 2025 CTA Executive Committee meeting.

## Lapu Lapu Festival Tragedy

We are devastated by the horrific tragedy at the Lapu-Lapu Festival and want to express our deep solidarity with the Filipino community and all those who have been impacted. We are writing to share an offering from the BCTF Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Office (ARAOO) that may be of support to those impacted and those grieving.

### Virtual debrief and processing space

The BCTF Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Office will host a virtual debrief and processing space on May 8, 2025, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., which will be open to all self-identifying Filipino/a/x members. While individual mental health supports and crisis line resources always remain available to all members, we know that healing often happens collectively, and in community. This is an informal space to be together as we navigate this tragedy.

Those wishing to participate can write to [antiracism@bctf.ca](mailto:antiracism@bctf.ca) to RSVP and receive login details. We encourage you to check in with one another, and support calls from the community wherever your capacity allows. Extraordinary new visions of solidarity and community often emerge in times of crisis and disaster.

Lastly, we want to offer a reminder that the ARAOO is available as a resource to all of you. Please feel welcome to reach out if you have any questions or if specific needs arise.

## IGNITE43:

**May 29, 2025**  
5:00 - 8:30pm

**Samz Neighbourhood Pub**

**Join us for an evening of PD featuring amazing presenters, lively conversation, and great food.**

## Register here – Tickets \$15

Presenters are given 5 minutes to present their idea, the intention is to spark or 'ignite' an idea with time to discuss and share ideas between presentations.

Coquitlam Teachers' Association



# LMA Ratification

Thank you to everyone who took the time to cast their vote in our local matters agreement ratification last week, April 29 – May 1.

The changes to collective agreement language do not take effect until July 1, 2025 so there is no impact on the upcoming round of postings.

The CTA Negotiations Committee is always available to receive your ideas and suggestions for future rounds of local bargaining.



## SPRING STAFFING UPDATE

Pam Becker (District Principal: HR) sent an email to all district teachers and TTOC's on Friday May 2nd, with key information on the Spring Staffing process and timelines including answers to frequently asked questions and specific contacts at the board.

Also included in this email was an invite to a teams meeting on **May 13, 2025 at 3:30 PM**

### STAFFING 101 for Teachers and TTOC's

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 292 409 396 110

Passcode: 3BR9Hd6G

If you would like to know more about the staffing process, or if you plan to post on positions for the coming school year, please consider attending.

**If you are a P1 teacher, or a teacher that has converted to continuing status over the course of this current year and will not hold a location for the coming school year, you are strongly encouraged to attend to ensure you fully understand the staffing process, key timelines and the post and fill process.**

# President's Message

Well, we are a little over a week after the Federal Election on April 28<sup>th</sup> and the surprises contained in that. Canada did speak clearly in that outcome. Participation in the election by our members was high, as it always is. Teachers are always a reliable voting bloc in any election, along with retirees. It was also uplifting to see our folks participating in campaigns, helping out on election day and similar. We fundamentally get the electoral process we actively support politically. I do understand there is happiness and disappointment, often in equal measure, with any election. The Federal election can be something of a distant thing to us, as provincial elections and school board elections have a more obvious and direct impact on our working lives. However, it did really appear existential to a lot of folks this time around. Lastly, it does appear we will need a second by-election for school trustee at some point shortly, as another trustee, Zoe Royer, has been successful in this election. That is two this year, as Jennifer Blatherwick was previously successful provincially. Stay tuned for updates as soon as we get them from the School Board.

In Solidarity - Ken

## CoDev Canada 40th Anniversary



**Saturday, June 7, 2025 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

**Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph Street, Vancouver**

The CTA has purchased a table at this special event to celebrate continued solidarity with women-led social movements, teachers and other labour activist, and human rights defenders of Latin America. A few of the CTA Executive Committee members are attending and there are 4 spots left for anyone else who would like to attend.

You can enjoy a mouth-watering array of authentic Latin America dishes, live music, silent auction with Latin American items. The always-popular dessert auction will showcase 40 gourmet and designer cakes, with tables bidding for their favourites.

**Please email Corbey at [corbeyhj@cta43.org](mailto:corbeyhj@cta43.org) by 4:30 pm, Monday, May 26, 2025 if you would like to attend. Attendance will be on a first-come, first served basis.**

## Ignite43 Empowerment

Please consider joining us for appetizers, a meal, and invigorating, empowering ideas beginning at 4:30pm. We would also encourage you to see the evening as an opportunity to connect with colleagues, share in conversation, and get empowered to close out the year through the discussions that are sure to happen at each table, during breaks and over food.

The value of this is sure to come in at well over the \$15 cost to attend. Please get your spot by registering at <https://cvent.me/3Mrr3K>. If you have any questions or are interested in presenting, email [rmcmahon@cta43.org](mailto:rmcmahon@cta43.org) with a brief description of your idea.

If you've ever thought about presenting and wonder what it would be like, this is the perfect opportunity to try! The audience is always supportive and the mood of the evening is celebratory and relaxed.

The intention is to spark or 'ignite' an idea and allow time to discuss and share ideas between presentations.

If you think you'd like to share your ideas with colleagues or have questions about presenting contact Ryan McMahon [rmcmahon@cta43.org](mailto:rmcmahon@cta43.org)



This webinar series is designed to inspire and empower educators who would like to incorporate more agriculture and food systems education into their classroom or school. Through conversations and presentations with educators who have firsthand experience creating Board Authority Authorized (BAA) certified courses and/or integrating agriculture concepts into existing curriculum, the series will meet educators where they are and foster connections to support the growth of agriculture education programs across BC.

**For more information or to register**  
<https://farmtoschoolbc.ca/cultivating-curiosity/>



# ACE 2025

The Adult Centred Education Conference is a curated conference intended for anyone who considers themselves an Adult Educator. Do you teach, instruct, profess, educate or otherwise engage adult learners? Join us at ACE!

## MAY 15-16

### EXECUTIVE PLAZA, COQUITLAM

Conference Schedule	
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Breakfast
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Registration
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Breakfast
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# ACE 2025

## MAY 15-16

### EXHIBITEE PLAZA, COQUITLAM



**Friday, MAY 15**

9:00 a.m.	Welcoming Refreshments	<b>Room</b>
9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Address by Allison J. Bran	<b>Exhibitor BC</b>
10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break	
10:15 a.m.	Conference Session:	
10:30 a.m.	<b>Panel Discussion: Accelerating Learning and Training with AI/ED in Adult Education</b>	<b>Bellmills A</b>
10:45 a.m.	<b>Jessica Bertsch and Jocelyn Braun-Poon-Ramirez with Christine Adams</b>	<b>Ages</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Tener Blake: Foundational Concepts for Every Student: Hands-on with Extended</b>	<b>Cygnus</b>
11:15 a.m.	Break	
11:30 a.m.	Conference Session:	
11:45 a.m.	<b>David Bueker: Using and Enhancing your Assessment</b>	<b>Bellmills C</b>
12:00 p.m.	<b>Natalie Isaacson: Exploring Creativity in Critical Thinking for Effective Problem Solving</b>	<b>Ages</b>
12:15 p.m.	Conference Session:	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	<b>Rachel Smith</b>	<b>Bellmills BC</b>
1:15 p.m.	<b>Pamela Davidson</b>	<b>Cygnus</b>
2:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks, Photo Op	<b>Bellmills BC</b>



### FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

**KEYNOTE: ALLISON J. BRAN**

Allison J. Bran is the founder and CEO of The ACE Agency, an internationally award-winning training and strategic consulting firm based in Port Moody, with over two decades of experience in marketing and brand development. She has helped businesses across North America transform their brand narratives, build out or revitalize websites, and achieve significant growth.



### TREVOR BLADES

Trevor Blades is the creator of Blazemed. He's spent the last 12 years building educational materials, including Pathways, a platform for students to explore career options. Since then, he's worked as a software engineer, a consultant, and tech. Outside of work, he loves running and cycling.



### NATALIE ISAZADA

Natalie Isazada is a Business and Communications Instructor with nearly 20 years of teaching experience in a number of industries. A TEDx speaker, author, and consultant, she has four University degrees and holds a number of certifications. She serves on Board of Directors of American Society for Quality. Natalie is a active donor supporting Leadership in Post-Secondary Education at the University of Calgary.



### ANNELIES BERTSCH

Annelies Bertsch, a retired elementary school teacher from Saskatchewan living in Victoria, BC, has volunteered with the Peace Education Program since 2015. She facilitates the program at William Head Federal Correctional Institute and supports other volunteers in North America.



### JOSSELIN BRAIN

Jossetin Brain works in East Spring Lake, Canada, in the Peace Education Program Support Manager at The Peace Research Foundation. With a background in business and international service, she is a committed leader and supports the program's global growth by assisting individuals and organizations in bringing it to their communities.







CASJ had a productive meeting last Thursday and discussed possible future plans including events, workshops, lesson plan development and sharing, social media, and more! Do you want to be a part of shaping some of those projects? If so, join CASJ! We meet around once a month and discuss topics of interest while planning advocacy and support strategies for CTA members. The Committee's work focuses on how best to address social justice topics through the lens of teachers in our local. Everyone is welcome – you don't have to come with advance knowledge of anything, just bring your interest and curiosity!



Thank you to those who joined us for our workshop on Self-Care. Stay tuned for our next meeting date! You don't have to be a committee member to attend. We hope to see you there! The CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee is for any Coquitlam teacher who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour. Find more information about what we do [here](#). BIPOC teachers can join our email list without regularly attending meetings or joining the committee. To join us or ask any questions you might have, contact Ryan Cho at [bipoceducators@cta43.org](mailto:bipoceducators@cta43.org)

**Please complete this brief Failure to Fill Tracking Form each time prep or service time is lost or recovered.**

If you have any questions please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President [dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org) or 604-936-9971.

# TTOC'S & New Teachers'

The TTOC committee is hoping to host a workshop on Navigating the EI Claims Process on June 4 – save the date while we wait for confirmation! This BCTF workshop is designed to take the guess work out of applying for and obtaining EI benefits. As soon as we have confirmation that we have a facilitator we will share a registration link for those who are interested. Keep an eye on the CTA TTOC Facebook group ((1) [CTA TTOCs | Facebook](#)) or the CTA App (<https://unionstrngnxtgen.app.link/coquita>) for information!

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download the  
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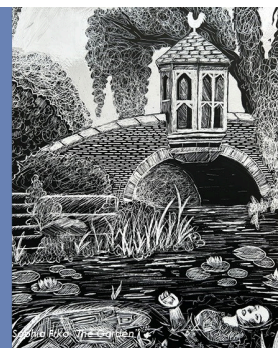


## *Imaginings VII: A Collection of Port Coquitlam Student Artwork*

April 25 – June 6, 2025  
Opening Reception: May 9, 6:00-8:00pm in Leigh Square

Michael Wright Art Gallery, Outlet Art Gallery, City Hall  
and Port Coquitlam Community Centre  
Port Coquitlam, BC

portcoquitlam.ca/exhibitions  
arts@portcoquitlam.ca

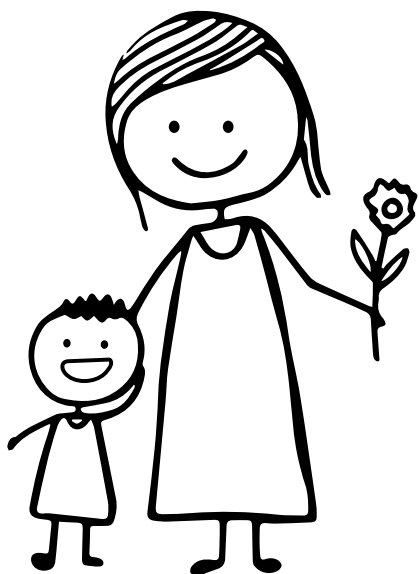


**Imaginings VII: A Collection of Port Coquitlam Student Artwork**  
by students at Terry Fox Secondary, École Riverside Secondary,  
and École des Pionniers

sd43.bc.ca/school/terryfox  
sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside  
pionniers.csf.bc.ca



# COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



## School District Advisory Committees

**Student Services Advisory** - 1 CTA Reps

**Student Achievement Advisory** - Currently Full

**District Student Wellness & Safety** - 2 CTA Reps

**District Indigenous Ed Advisory** - 1 CTA Rep

**District French Advisory** - 1 CTA Rep

**District Technology Advisory** - 1 CTA Rep

**District Accessibility Advisory** - Currently Full

**District Anti-Racism Committee** - Currently Full



## New Westminister and District Labour Council

4 CTA Representatives

## SANCTUARY SCHOOLS WORKING GROUP

The CTA is seeking 6 CTA members to form a working group to inform the CTA Executive Committee's work on engaging the district on the matter of adopting a Sanctuary Schools Policy.

If you have any questions about the working group, please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President.

Please submit a CV form to the CTA office.



## Standing Committees

### CTA Negotiations Committee

1 Member at Large

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

### CTA Adult Educators

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

1 Learning Services Rep.

### CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

### CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

1 Cont. Ed. Rep, 2 Additional CTA Members

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

### CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information, please email Ryan Cho.

### CTA PD Committee

1 Elementary Rep, 1 TTOC Rep, 1 CASJ Rep, 1 LSA Rep

1 Secondary Rep

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

### CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

6 Members-at-Large,

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

### CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

3 Secondary Reps, 2 Middle Reps, 3 Elementary Reps,

1 Member-at-Large

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go to our website or [click here](#) for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office ([corbeyhj@cta43.org](mailto:corbeyhj@cta43.org)). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.



# Contact Us:

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Please use the links to contact the officer or staff member best able to help you.

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## CTA Website Access

Please make sure you are able to access the site. SD43 email security settings may not allow a password reset online.

**If you need to reset your password, please contact Kelly Stewart**



**Kelly Roberts, Executive Director**

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