



# LIGHTING THE WAY

## WORKPLACE EDUCATION NEWS

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### CEP Local 40N Members Graduate From Computer Course

The Communications, Energy, & Paperworkers Union of Canada Local 40N at Farmer's Dairy has just completed their first workplace education program.

The course was a 10 week computer basics course that ran one evening a week.

During the two hour class time, participants covered computer terminology, equipment, accessing the Internet, setting up an e-mail account, and working with Microsoft Word and Excel.



*Back row (left to right): Howard Boutilier, Joe Lewis, Fred Ashley, Eric Himmelman, Mike Butler, & Bruce Veith. Front row (left to right): Everett Savary, Carman MacBain, & Noel Parsons. Photo by instructor Pat Thompson*



### Do you have a workplace education program graduation celebration to tell us about?

Send us your information and any pictures in jpg format.

Please include information about any pictures, such as names of the persons in the

picture, where and when it was taken, and the name of the program or course. You can include any interesting information that you would like to

share, such as quotes from participants, instructors, or union leadership in your submission.

### Learners' Column

There are many talented people involved in workplace education programs. Is there a poem, a story, an article that you would like to share? The

item must be written by a learner in a program. The learner must give permission in order for it to be printed in this newsletter. Please include the learner's name

and union affiliation with your submission.



# Union based literacy for project team members

The Nova Scotia Federation of Labour offers a 10 hour workshop for unions running workplace education programs. This workshop is designed to help union members understand what a good program is, how to negotiate one for their members and how to carry out their duties as a member of a joint committee. The following unions have participated in the workshop this year and are now running programs for their members: **CUPE Locals: 5050, 759, 761, 835, & 1933 & CAW Local: 2216.** If your union is interested in participating in the workshop, contact Linda Wentzel for information.

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## Instructors' Tips

If you are an instructor in a workplace education program, send us your tips! If you have an exercise, a word game or something that really sparked interest and enthusiasm in a class, send it to us and we will publish it in our next newsletter. Please include your name, the name of the program you are instructing, and the program's union affiliation with your submission.

**Deadline for  
Submissions  
for next newsletter:  
September 1, 2004**



(left to right): CAW Local 2216 members Louise Leaman, Dean Tupper, Bruce Corcoran



***Education for Changing Unions*** (2002) by Bev Burke, Jojo Geronimo, D'Arcy Martin, Barb Thomas and Carol Wall. Toronto: Between the Lines. The five authors are experienced labour educators who use their own practice to critically examine the craft of union education. They present the reader with a popular education approach to designing and delivering education for transformation, making clear the power of union education.

The book offers tools for educators, but it is also of interest to those who want to learn more about how union education can be used to promote social and economic justice. Recommendation:

***"Education for Changing Unions*** will help to make a louder, prouder, more effective union voice for the future."

Barbara Byers, Executive Vice-President, Canadian Labour Congress

## Next issue:

Peer Learning Guide pilot project launched.

**International Literacy Day Celebrations** - if you are planning an event, please tell us so we can include it in our feature.

