

**Winnipeg General Strike: Victoria Park 1919**

This local history site chronicles the story of the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919. The site provides a brief but informative biography of the strike leaders along with photographs from the strike.

[www.victoriapark1919.ca/wp/?page\\_id=54](http://www.victoriapark1919.ca/wp/?page_id=54)

See also:

**Canada: A People's History:** [www.history.cbc.ca](http://www.history.cbc.ca)

**CBC Archives:** [www.archives.cbc.ca/economy\\_business/labour\\_unions/clips/4239/](http://www.archives.cbc.ca/economy_business/labour_unions/clips/4239/)

**Youth, Unions, and You: A Secondary Teacher's Guide to Labour Studies in B.C. Schools**

This resource, published jointly by the B.C. Teachers' Federation and the B.C. Federation of Labour, provides a comprehensive database of teacher and student resources for labour education. Lesson plans can be browsed by subject, grade, and/or theme. The site also contains links to supplementary material including photos and overheads.

[www.bctf.ca/UploadedFiles/public/TeachingResources/YouthUnionsYou/index.html](http://www.bctf.ca/UploadedFiles/public/TeachingResources/YouthUnionsYou/index.html)

**International and Environment**

**International Labour Organization (English/French)**

The ILO website offers information on a wide range of global issues related to labour. Topics include child labour, decent work, fair globalization, equality and discrimination, sustainable development, safety and health, and forced labour.

[www.ilo.org/global/Themes/lang-en/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/global/Themes/lang-en/index.htm)

**Inside Your Threads**

This documentary, produced by MuchMusic, uses celebrity hosts to explore sweatshop issues in the global garment trade. The link provides a connection to the online video as well as a study guide and notes on the topic.

[www.en.maquilasolidarity.org/resources/video/InsideYourThreads](http://www.en.maquilasolidarity.org/resources/video/InsideYourThreads)

**International Banana Trade**

The site explores the injustices of the international banana trade and broader issues surrounding free trade. Use the following link to access several short leaflets on a variety of topics including women in the banana trade and the environmental impact of bananas.

[www.bananalink.org.uk/1.5/index.php/resources/information-leaflets](http://www.bananalink.org.uk/1.5/index.php/resources/information-leaflets)

Other resources, including videos, posters, games, and activities, can be found at: [www.bananalink.org.uk](http://www.bananalink.org.uk)

**Safe and Sustainable Workplaces for All**

This brief pamphlet examines the importance of safe and environmentally sustainable workplaces. The resource also explains the role of unions in student-friendly language.

[www.icftu.org/focus.asp?Issue=ohse&Language=EN](http://www.icftu.org/focus.asp?Issue=ohse&Language=EN)

Also see the Toronto and York Labour Council materials on the Green Economy.

[www.labourcouncil.ca/enviropage.html](http://www.labourcouncil.ca/enviropage.html)

**The Story of Stuff (English/French)**

This 20 minute documentary looks at the process of production and consumption from the perspective of sustainability and social justice. The video uses a fun approach to show the connection between our everyday "stuff" and many of the issues we face today. The documentary is free to show and/or download. There are also additional classroom and educational resources.

[www.storyofstuff.com/index.html](http://www.storyofstuff.com/index.html)

**General**

The websites of individual unions and central labour organizations are valuable sources of research and information on a wide range of issues and current campaigns.

**Canadian Labour Congress** [www.canadianlabour.ca](http://www.canadianlabour.ca)

**Ontario Federation of Labour** [www.ofl.ca](http://www.ofl.ca)

**International Labour Organization** [www.ilo.org](http://www.ilo.org)

Links to Labour Council and union websites are available through the Canadian Labour Congress at [www.canadianlabour.ca/en/links](http://www.canadianlabour.ca/en/links).

The following organizations and media also offer an alternative perspective from a social justice and/or labour-friendly point of view:

**Rabble** [www.rabble.ca](http://www.rabble.ca)

**Straight Goods** [www.straightgoods.ca](http://www.straightgoods.ca)

**Labour Start** [www.labourstart.org](http://www.labourstart.org)

**Our Times** [www.ourtimes.ca](http://www.ourtimes.ca)

**Council of Canadians** [www.canadians.org](http://www.canadians.org)

**Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives** [www.policyalternatives.ca](http://www.policyalternatives.ca)

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**LABOUR  
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## Introduction

Workers and the labour movement have played—and continue to play—a critical role in the fight for fairness and justice in our workplaces, communities, nation, and the world. It is thanks to labour activists that we enjoy a shorter work week, stronger health and safety protection, better employment standards, higher wages, more benefits and longer vacations. Organized labour has also been in the forefront of campaigns on social issues such as the need for public services, healthcare, and education; equality and human rights; and democratic political institutions.

These are contributions that young people should learn about as they come to understand our world and prepare to enter the workforce themselves.

OSSTF/FEESO is already proud to have published *Learning Labour*, a curriculum guide to assist educators in bringing these issues to the attention of students. The guide is available through our provincial office and includes lesson outlines, resources and activities that can be used as a package or independently. They can also be readily adapted for use in a variety of subjects.

This pamphlet now adds a new dimension to our efforts to encourage labour studies in our schools. The following list of online resources barely touches the surface of what is available through the web, but we hope it will help open the door to further research and stimulate thinking about what is possible.

## Arts, Language, and Culture

### Workers Arts and Heritage Centre

The mandate of the WAHC is to preserve and promote the culture and history of working people, particularly from a Canadian perspective. The website features links to a growing number of exhibits, collections and resources.  
[www.wahc-museum.ca](http://www.wahc-museum.ca)

### Using Songs To Teach Labor History: American Labor Studies Center

This resource looks at using songs to learn about labour history, workers' rights, and unions. The focus is primarily on American labour history, but there are insights into broader issues of unionism and labour.  
[www.labor-studies.org/teachlaborsongs.php](http://www.labor-studies.org/teachlaborsongs.php)

### Injured Workers: Telling Our Stories

This resource tells the personal stories of injured workers through a variety of media, including poetry, video, and photo exhibits.  
[www.injuredworkersonline.org/Stories/telling.html](http://www.injuredworkersonline.org/Stories/telling.html)

### Labor Arts

This archive of American labour art can be browsed by type of art (poster, photography, cartoons, songs, etc.) as well as by topic, theme, and time period. Each piece is accompanied by a brief description as well as related links.  
[www.laborarts.org/collections](http://www.laborarts.org/collections)

### Life of the People: The Labour Movement in Prints and Drawings

This online gallery provides a look at American working history through works of art. Each piece is accompanied by a brief description and background information.  
[www.loc.gov/exhibits/goldstein](http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/goldstein)

## Young Workers & Health and Safety

### About Unions

This short booklet, created by the Toronto and York Region Labour Council, provides an informative introduction to the role of unions in the life of Canadian workers.  
[www.labourcouncil.ca/about%20unions.pdf](http://www.labourcouncil.ca/about%20unions.pdf)

### Young Workers Zone For Teachers (English/French)

This website is maintained by the Canadian Centre for Occupation Health and Safety and provides a wide variety of resources for teachers and students interested in workers' rights and health and safety. Resources include handouts, notes, quizzes and slides.  
[www.ccohs.ca/youngworkers/educators](http://www.ccohs.ca/youngworkers/educators)

### Myths About Unions

This online document by the OFL Workers Under 30 Committee looks at fallacies about unions. The site also contains links to other documents, resources and websites on young workers' rights and organizing a union.  
[www.youth.ofl.ca/index.php/myths/myths\\_about\\_unions](http://www.youth.ofl.ca/index.php/myths/myths_about_unions)

### Silence Doesn't Work Here: Young Workers' Health and Safety

This website takes a quirky approach to introducing young workers' rights and health and safety issues. It contains videos and stories about workplace injuries and could act as a model for students in developing their own videos or websites.  
[www.notworthit.ca](http://www.notworthit.ca)

### Raise Your Hand: Know Your Rights

This link contains basic information regarding young worker health and safety issues. It includes a short multiple choice health and safety quiz as well as a printable pocket size workers' health and safety manual. Also see the site's section on personal stories of workplace injuries and fatalities.  
[www.raiseyourhand.com/know\\_your\\_rights](http://www.raiseyourhand.com/know_your_rights)

Other web resources:

### Young Worker Health and Safety: WSIB (English/French)

[www.wsib.on.ca/wsib/wsibsite.nsf/public/ReferencePreventionYoungWorkers](http://www.wsib.on.ca/wsib/wsibsite.nsf/public/ReferencePreventionYoungWorkers)  
**Young Worker Awareness Program (English/French)**  
[www.ywap.ca](http://www.ywap.ca)

### Ontario Ministry of Labour (English/French)

[www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/site/youngworkers/index.html](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/site/youngworkers/index.html)

## Equity & Social Justice

### And Still I Rise: A History of African Canadian Workers in Ontario from 1900 (English/French)

This interactive website tells the history of African Canadian workers from 1900 to the present through photographs, primary documents, and videos.  
[www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Africanworkers](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Africanworkers)

### The Colour of Poverty: Poverty in Ontario Among Racialized Communities

This source contains a collection of ten "fact sheets" examining poverty among racialized communities in Canada. Each fact sheet addresses a different aspect of poverty and its negative impacts on education, employment, health and well-being, income levels, housing, immigration, and food security.  
[www.colourofpoverty.ca](http://www.colourofpoverty.ca)

### Everything you ever wanted to know about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Issues... Well, maybe not everything.

This booklet provides some 'basic answers to basic questions' about the LGBT community within the labour movement. Content includes definitions of terms, information about workplace issues, and suggestions for allies.  
[www.caw.ca/en/3678.htm](http://www.caw.ca/en/3678.htm)

### Minimum Wage Fact Sheet: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

This resource contains eight point-form fact sheets with information and statistics about different issues concerning minimum wage in Canada.  
[www.policyalternatives.ca/documents/Popular\\_Primers/Minimum\\_Wage\\_Fact\\_Sheets.pdf](http://www.policyalternatives.ca/documents/Popular_Primers/Minimum_Wage_Fact_Sheets.pdf)

### Ontario Federation of Labour Library: Women

This virtual library of OFL materials deals with the labour movement and women. Documents range from in-depth studies to student friendly pamphlets, all available as Portable Data Files. The site also allows the user to browse publications in other topic areas.  
[www.ofl.ca/index.php/library/index\\_in/C41](http://www.ofl.ca/index.php/library/index_in/C41)

### Equality once and for all! A Campaign for Women's Economic Equality (English/French)

Workshop materials, a series of catchy short fact sheets, and background research documents from the Canadian Labour Congress campaign are posted on this website. Topics include child care, pensions, young women, the role of unions and more.  
[www.canadianlabour.ca/action-center/womens-economic-equality/fact-sheets](http://www.canadianlabour.ca/action-center/womens-economic-equality/fact-sheets)

## History and Social Sciences

### CBC Digital Archives: Labour & Unions

The CBC digital archives contain a large collection of primary sources dealing with major events in Canadian labour history in the form of original CBC radio and television broadcasts. Each is accompanied by background information as well as related links. Also browse for content on Canadian manufacturing and social history topics in Canadian social history.  
[www.archives.cbc.ca/economy\\_business/labour\\_unions](http://www.archives.cbc.ca/economy_business/labour_unions)

### Canadian Labour Congress: History of Labour

This booklet, produced by the Canadian Labour Congress, provides a short overview of significant developments in labour history and organizing in Canada.  
[www.canadianlabour.ca/en/history-labour](http://www.canadianlabour.ca/en/history-labour)

### The Cradle of Collective Bargaining: History of Labour and Technology in Hamilton and District

This resource examines the history of the labour movement in Hamilton, Ontario through brief student accessible essays, slideshow of historical images, and digitized archive. Short quizzes and suggestions for classroom discussion are provided.  
[www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~cradle](http://www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~cradle)

For labour history in New Brunswick see:

[www.lhtnb.ca/03/en\\_lessonplans.cfm](http://www.lhtnb.ca/03/en_lessonplans.cfm) (English/French)

For labour history in Calgary and Southern Alberta see:

[www.ucalgary.ca/applied\\_history/tutor/calgary/FRAMElabour.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/calgary/FRAMElabour.html)