



International Solidarity

Opportunities for BCTF members in 2018–19

Making solidarity links with teachers and their unions internationally is an important element of the BCTF International Solidarity Program. During 2018–19 several opportunities will allow some members to take part personally. Check out the activities and the application guidelines.

➤ CoDevelopment Canada International Solidarity Committee Conference—October 27, 2018

CoDevelopment Canada is the partner of the BCTF in its international solidarity work in Latin America. This one-day conference is an opportunity to find out more about the work of international and Canadian unions in solidarity work. It will deepen participants' understanding of the distinctions between development, charity and international solidarity.

The BCTF International Solidarity Program will cover the registration costs for any members wishing to attend. **Register by October 20.**

Check the CoDevelopment Canada website for registration in September: <http://www.codev.org/>

➤ Tri-national Conference in Defense of Public Education—Mexico, November 8–11, 2018

The Tri-national Coalition has for 25 years brought together public education activists in Mexico, the US and Canada to defend public education. Its 13th Biennial conference is being held in Mexico from November 9 to 11, 2018. Participants will leave Vancouver on November 7 and return on November 12. Six members will be selected as participants from the general membership. Members of equity seeking groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

Information about the Tri-National Coalition and reports from past conferences can be found at <https://bctf.ca/history/rooms/InternationalSolidarity.aspx?id=44820>

To apply—please, submit a BCTF Curriculum Vitae Form and a letter indicating why you want to attend, and how you would use the learnings from the conference when you return to your local and school. E-mail your application to researchassistants@bctf.ca;

More information and Guidelines for Participants are located at the BCTF International Solidarity page, <https://www.bctf.ca/IntlSolidarity.aspx?id=39549>

The deadline for applications is **September 28, 2018**.

➤ Pedagogia Conference—Havana, Cuba—February 2019

A Latin American pedagogical conference is hosted by the Cuban education union that has had a solidarity link with the BCTF for more than twenty years. The conference brings several thousand educators to share ideas on pedagogy, including participants from a number of countries in Latin America that have solidarity relationships with the BCTF.

Five BCTF members will be selected by the BCTF executive to participate in the conference. Teachers from unions in other provinces are expected to participate as well.

The conference is conducted in Spanish and CoDevelopment Canada will provide translation.

The deadline for applications is **December 15, 2018**. Applications will be available on the BCTF website in October.

➤ Project Overseas—July 2019

Project Overseas is sponsored by the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Teachers from throughout Canada serve as co-facilitators for professional development programs of three to four weeks in several countries in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. The programs are co-sponsored with teacher unions in the host-countries, and teachers from the host-country and Canada are co-facilitators of extensive professional development projects.

Some of the projects are in francophone countries and teachers fluent in French are particularly encouraged to apply. The BCTF will support four participants, with final selection by the CTF to reflect the subject areas and grade levels requested by the host countries.

Information for potential applicants is on the International Solidarity—Get Involved section BCTF website: <https://bctf.ca/SocialJustice.aspx?id=19096>

The deadline for applications is **October 2018**.