

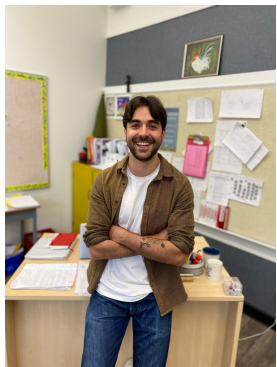
ANNUAL PSA DAY CONFERENCE OCT 21, 2022

Afternoon Workshops



1. UNIONS AS A FORCE FOR PROGRESSIVE CHANGE

This workshop aims to serve as a demystification of union structures for teachers not yet involved in union work. Through a case study, the workshop will discuss how and why unions can act as forces for progressive change.



Eric Proulx (he/him) has worked as an elementary and high-school teacher in British Columbia and Québec since 2015. Yet it was not until the 2019 Labor Notes Troublemaker's Conference that the dots connected for him between the need for progressive change and the Labour Movement's ability to achieve it. Eric is a proud member of the Raising Educators Voices caucus (REV) which was formed that year as a means of bringing like-minded teachers together to begin the hard work of achieving progressive change. Next year, Eric will begin his role as 4th Vice President in the Vancouver Elementary School Teachers Association (VESTA) local.

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Rozhin Emadi (She/Her) has worked as a Secondary School teacher in British Columbia since 2019. She is currently teaching Social Studies 8, Social Justice 12 and Economic Theory 12 at West Vancouver Secondary School. Rozhin is passionate in integrating social justice-oriented curriculum into her everyday teaching. She has also been a community activist for several years and is committed to playing an active role in her union, as well as the larger labour movement. Rozhin has been a member of BCTF's Committee for Action on Social Justice since 2020, where she specifically focuses on her role in their anti-racism action group.