

CUPE BC 2024 CONVENTION SUB-EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Indigenous Cleansing Ceremonies

Dates: Thursday to Saturday, April 25 – 27, 2024

Time: 7:00am to 8:30am

Location: Cardero Park entrance (see map below)

Indigenous cleansing ceremonies will take place each morning of Convention. *All delegates and guests are welcome to join at any point from 7:00am onwards, and you do not have to stay for the full duration of the ceremony. No prior knowledge nor experience are needed.*

Allergen alert: Several traditions will be used throughout the ceremonies, which may include smudging and brushing with cedar. Smudging involves the burning of sweetgrass, sage, and/or cedar. Sage and cedar smudges produce a very strong aroma, but the smoke is minimal and lasts a very short time. Sweetgrass has a very mild aroma and produces less smoke.



Welcome Reception

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024
Time: 9:00pm – 12:00am (midnight)
Location: Stanley Park Ballroom

CUPE BC cordially invites all convention delegates to its annual welcome reception at the Westin Stanley Park Ballroom. Come celebrate the start of the 2024 Convention with fellow members over light appetizers, beverages, and a live guitarist!

CUPE National Officers Lunch

Date: Thursday, Apr 25, 2024
Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Location: Stanley Park Ballroom

Pre-Registration Required: CLOSED

The National Officers will discuss the importance of the upcoming Federal Elections, followed by an open Q&A period. Please register online by Monday, April 8, 2024 to attend this event.

Evening Forum – Convention Reimagined

Date: Thursday, Apr 25, 2024
Time: 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Location: Bayshore Grand Ballroom

This forum will examine the future evolution of the CUPE BC convention, considering how new tools and technologies could play an increasing role in improving the convention experience. The session will also consider the increasing requests for a diversity of sessions and workshops, along with the emerging constraints on convention spaces and facilities. Bring your ideas, feedback, curiosity, and questions to this interactive session on the future of how we work better together to undertake the work of CUPE's members in BC.

Young Workers Social

Date: Friday, Apr 26, 2024
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: Rogue Kitchen & Wetbar at **601 W Cordova St**, Vancouver

Pre-Registration Required: CLOSED

The CUPE BC Young Workers Committee invites all Young Workers to participate in a social evening at the Rogue Kitchen & Wetbar in downtown Vancouver, with food, drinks, and giveaways. Young workers wishing to join in on the fun should gather at the registration table at 5:15pm, to allow travel time to the venue. Following the social, attendees are invited to continue festivities at the District Council Hospitality Night at the Westin Bayshore Stanley Park Ballroom.

CUPE BC and District Councils Hospitality Night

Date: Friday, April 26, 2024
Time: 8:00pm – 12:00am (midnight)
Location: Stanley Park Ballroom

CUPE BC and all six District Councils will once again host a joint Hospitality Night this year at Convention. Come meet delegates from other districts over light appetizers, beverages, and a DJ to keep the dance floor live!