

April 22, 2022

Earth Day – April 22nd All TOGETHER now!

This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... **together, we must Invest In Our Planet.**

Because a green future is a prosperous future. We need to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably). It's going to take all of us. All in. Businesses, governments, and citizens — everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet.

And while there is still time to solve the climate crisis, time to choose BOTH a prosperous and sustainable future, and time to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children, time is short. The Earth Day 2022 Theme is **Invest In Our Planet**. What Will You Do?

*Source: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2022/>

HRM Summer Recreation Programs

Summer camps are now online for parents to browse and plan for. Dryland Registration will open on **April 27, 2022 at 10:00a.m.** Employees NEED to have their accounts created and their discounts set up BEFORE April 27th for their accounts to be eligible for the 25% employee discount when registering for programs. Please reach out to your local Recreation Centre to check your account, 902-490-6666 or login in to confirm your account is up-to-date. For those members facing financial challenges who wish to seek funding assistance, there are opportunities to apply for funding assistance; reach out to your local Recreation Centre for more information or to apply.

Administrative Professionals' Day – April 27th

National Administrative Professionals' Day, also known as Secretaries Day or Admin Day, recognizes the professionals who keep the office running smoothly every day. We want to take a moment to thank and recognize these professionals on the Wednesday, April 27th. The day recognizes the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, front desk workers, and other administrative support professionals. Central to any business, these professionals keep an office organized and efficient. Thank you to our members who tirelessly keep the offices running!

National Volunteer Week April 24th – 30th

Let's celebrate Canada's volunteers. The empathy, compassion and generosity of volunteers creates connected communities and builds a stronger Canada.

Local 13 runs because of volunteers from our membership who give their time to support our amazing members. They are purely volunteer based at the Local level (Joe K., Aviva D., Peter J., Kim T., Ashley S., Nick P., and Melanie P.) and volunteer large amounts of their time for the betterment of the members and membership as a whole.

April 24th – April 30th is National Volunteer Week where we should all take pause and reflect on the beautiful efforts individually and collectively; we have seen during this pandemic. The theme this year; *Volunteering Is Empathy In Action*, affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. This profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities. Empathy is a quality that can help people relate to others and build awareness around different experiences. It connects people in ideas and actions and helps create bonds forged in common goals and aspirations.

NSUPE Local 13 Member Communication

<https://nsupe.ca/local-13/>

Volunteering can help us develop empathy, to see the world through the eyes of others. It can connect people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, expanding our views. It can build our capacity to work collectively and contribute to a vibrant, inclusive society.

From coast to coast to coast in formal and informal settings, volunteers create caring, collaborative, and compassionate communities.

Local 13 wants to celebrate the contributions of Canada's millions of volunteers: their actions, their understanding, and their genuine concern for the world around them. Volunteering, putting empathy into action, can build communities where people feel happier, healthier, and more welcome – creating a stronger, more connected Canada. <https://www.volunteer.ca/index.php?MenuItemID=464>

April is Tax Time – T2200

For the past two years, many (but not all) of us having been working at least a portion of our hours at home. As a result those who have worked at home can take advantage of the CRA deduction for working at home by filling out form T2200; available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/t2200.html> for you to download and fill out (or attached). If you have issues with sign-off from your supervisor or manager reach out to a member of the Local 13 Executive and we can help with the process.