

VESTA WEEKLY

TOPICS WORTH TALKING ABOUT! PLEASE READ AND DISCUSS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES

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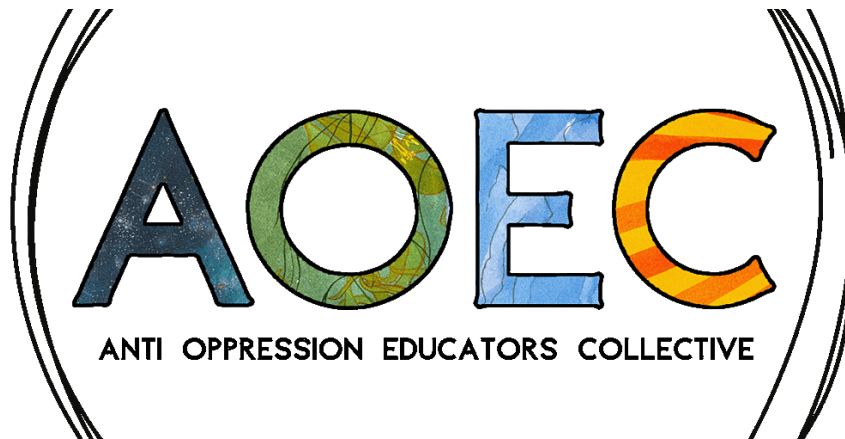
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Anti Oppressive Educators Collective



Earth Day may have passed, but actions for climate justice are an everyday commitment. To support and help continue our endeavours to a more equitable future for all, Anti-Oppression Educators Collective (AOEC) is hosting an exciting two-part conference on Climate Justice and Environmental Racism, taking place on May 1 and May 8, from 10am to noon.

The first event is a youth and educators panel featuring practising public-school teachers and youth activists in BC. The second event is an interactive discussion session where participants can choose to engage in a facilitated dialogue with others on specific topics related to the theme of intersectionality in the climate justice movement. Get ready to listen to some thought-provoking conversations and action-planning with like-minded educators!

See Page 2 for the registrations links:

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PART 1 | MAY 1st :

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/climate-justice-building-a-sustainable-future-for-our-children-part-1-tickets-150390400737>

PART 2 | MAY 8th:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/climate-justice-building-a-sustainable-future-for-our-children-part-2-tickets-151741409641>



Climate Justice: Building a Sustainable Future for our Children **PART 2**

This is a two part series on Climate Justice & Environmental Racism. May 1 featured a panel presentation and May 8 breakout discussions

www.eventbrite.ca

Post and Fill Workshop reminder

Reminder that the Post and Fill workshop is taking place next week on Wednesday May 5 and Thursday May 6th. Please ensure that each school is sending one (1) Staff Rep to the workshop on the date indicated on the form. Staff Reps, please make sure that you have registered and have send in your RSVP to andrea@vesta.ca

Vaccine Updates

The K-12 essential worker vaccine rollout continues to unfold weekly. As vaccine supplies increase we hope to see an increase in the number of schools offered priority in the coming weeks. The goal is to have all school staff be identified by the end of May.

As the essential worker rollout continues, there was also an announcement this week that Vaccine Clinics are open to all VSB staff 30 years of age or older for the AstraZeneca vaccine. Please check your VSB email for more details to register for an appointment.

Here is list of the sites offering the AZ vaccine.

VANCOUVER Vancouver Community College (north parking lot) 1155 East Broadway, Vancouver

April 29 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 30 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 1 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

UBC - Pharmaceutical Sciences Building 2405 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver

Friday, April 30 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 1 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

RICHMOND Kwantlen Polytechnic University 8771 Lansdowne Rd

Richmond Saturday, May 1 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Richmond River Rock (The Show Theatre) 8811 River Rd., Richmond

Sunday, May 2 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

NORTH SHORE North Vancouver Test Collection Site ICBC Capilano Claims Centre, 255 Lloyd Ave., North Vancouver

Thursday, April 29 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

West Vancouver Community Centre 2121 Marine Dr., West Vancouver

Thursday, April 29 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, April 30 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 1 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

VESTA AGM

Mark your calendars – VESTA will be holding our Annual General Meeting on May 18 at 4pm virtually on Zoom. All members will receive an email in advance of the meeting outlining how to participate and vote. The AGM must pass the VESTA budget, elect the VESTA Executive Committee and deal with constitutional matters or by-laws.

Watch for an upcoming VESTA News with the details about each matter that will be voted on at the AGM and plan to attend and participate in our most sovereign decision-making body!

TTOC appreciation week

May 3rd – 7th is TTOC Appreciation Week. We know how important they are in our schools and how profoundly we have been affected by the shortage of TTOCs in our district. This pandemic has been hard for all of us, on so many levels.



For TTOCs, the daily crossing of cohorts, being redirected to another school (sometimes after already starting in a classroom), seeing 100-500 students a week, receiving multiple exposure notices every month, only to be excluded in the vaccination rollout plan has taken its toll. The greatest form of appreciation is the support of colleagues, like the motion passed unanimously at last week's Staff Rep Assembly to prioritize TTOCs in the VSB vaccination plan. Actions like this make TTOCs feel seen and valued. On behalf of all of our members, we want to thank TTOCs for their ongoing work – we know it's been a tough year and we are grateful for all that you do in our schools.

Give them a special shout out next week when you see them in the hallway 😊

TRB Fees

Reminder: Teachers Regulation Branch Deduction Dues for the Teachers Regulation Branch will be coming off your April 30th pay so please check your pay advices to ensure that your annual TRB fee was deducted. If you will not be receiving pay on April 30th, it is important that you submit the dues yourself, directly to the TRB by May 31st.



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Relinquishing a Part-Time Continuing Assignment

Due April 30th Of particular interest to TTOCs, in the Appendices of our Collective Agreement is a Letter of Understanding signed on June 16th, 2008 (page 200). This agreement allows a part-time teacher with a continuing contract, who is also a teacher on call, to relinquish their continuing contract at the end of a school year and remain on the teacher teaching on call list. If you wish to do this, you must give notice to Employee Services by April 30th. If in the future you wish to apply for contract work, you would be considered a category 'F' in the post and fill process. Contact the VESTA office if you need further clarification.

Dates to Remember

Health & Safety Committee Meeting

May 3, 2021 @ 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91333924391>

Meeting ID: 913 3392 4391

Passcode: 433495

Dial by your location

+1 778 907 2071 Canada

General Meeting

May 4, 2021 @ 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83142989997>

Meeting ID: 831 4298 9997

Passcode: 357765

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Communications Committee Meeting

May 6, 2021 @ 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99664889658>

Meeting ID: 996 6488 9658

Passcode: 852046

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