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Unions Confronting White Supremacy Virtual Workshop - July 28, 2020

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Last month Health Minister Adrian Dix reported on racist actions of healthcare workers. HSA strongly condemns these actions and has made a commitment to provide access to educational opportunities on anti-racist issues.

HSA has completed a survey that explored experiences of discrimination at work by racialized members and the results will be made available to members in the coming weeks. In the interim, HSA Leadership has committed to provide HSA members with relevant educational opportunities.

On Tuesday, July 28, participate in a virtual workshop, Unions Confronting White Supremacy.

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

This full day participatory workshop is a crash course in intersectional anti-oppression with a focus on race. It helps union members think about our role in dismantling a system of white supremacy, confront racism and building a more inclusive world.

This first section invites us to ask questions:

What is whiteness? What is racism? How are white people complicit in systems that oppress Black, Indigenous, Mixed race and people of colour? What can and should we do about it?

In the second part we consider questions of how unconscious bias and institutional culture lead to outcomes that are unjust; and practice intervening in micro and macroaggressions against radicalized people.

Optional topics include hate speech, freedom of expression, human rights protections, and positive action outside systems of law.

Adrienne Smith is a transgender human rights activist and social justice lawyer. They recently settled a BC Supreme Court case which guaranteed access to opiate replacement therapy for prisoners in BC jails. Adrienne appeared at the BC Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada where they argued about the deleterious effects of mandatory minimum sentences for women, indigenous people, and drug users. As a trade union activist, they advocate for transgender inclusion in our unions and workplaces. Adrienne volunteers at the Catherine White Holman Wellness Clinic where they give free legal advice, take on human rights cases, and notarize name change documents for trans people

Registration is through [My Events Registration](#) and you will need your HSA member ID number in order to create a login. Please call the HSA office at [604.517.0994](tel:604.517.0994) or [1.800.663.2017](tel:1.800.663.2017) to receive your HSA member ID number. Once you have created a login the event will be listed under Other Events.

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