



Core Member Engagement Team

The Core Member Engagement Team is an annual intensive member program that supports the leadership development of HSA members towards increasing member activism in the union. The program combines organizing training, team building, and on-the-ground mobilizing to prepare new union activists to confront the challenges facing our union, our communities, and the world.

Each year's team consists of 6 to 8 Core Member Engagers recruited through an open application process. The team is usually booked off from work for a six-week period to do engagement work at HSA chapters.

If you'd like to learn more about the CMET program, you can [read the FAQ](#). Applications for the 2023 program will open in the late spring.

Your 2022 Core Member Engagement Team

The 2022 Core Member Engagement Team will be reaching out to members between October 4 and November 10. To contact the team, please send an email to [info \[at\] hsabc.org](mailto:info@hsabc.org).



"Hello, my name is Erika, I am a Speech Language Pathologist at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital. Having little understanding about the HSA, I applied to CMET to get more involved and to find out what HSA can do to support front lines workers. I look forward to engaging members so we can become a louder voice"

- Erika Taylor (she/her), speech language pathologist in Nanaimo, on the traditional, occupied and stolen lands of the Hul'qumi'num speakers.



"My name is Persis Gonsalves. I am a physiotherapist at Langley Memorial Hospital. I am excited to be a part of the CMET team for 2022. My goal is to reach and involve as many union members as possible. I believe that together we can build a stronger union."

- Persis Gonsalves (she/her), physiotherapist in Langley.



"I'm Chelsea, a support worker from Vancouver Island Mental Health Society. I'm really looking forward to connecting with more members in the mental health sector and hearing other perspectives on what our industry needs from the union!"

Chelsea Bellingham (she/her), sobering and assessment worker on Vancouver Island, on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nations.



"I'm excited to join the CMET team. Advocacy is part of my day job. So naturally, I will enjoy empowering union members to know their rights and responsibilities."

Joe (he/him), addictions counsellor in Prince George on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh.



"Hello, I'm Chrissy, a Health Navigator at Trans Care BC on the ancestral, traditional and stolen territory of the hə́nqəmíḥəm-speaking x̣ʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and sə́lilwətaʔł (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, the Sḵw̓xwú7mesh sníchim-speaking Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation). I'm excited to focus on member engagement through a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion lens on this year's CMET team."
Chrissy (they/them), health navigator in Vancouver.



Tanya Dunne (she/her), physiotherapist, Vancouver, the unceded traditional homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

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