

# Recognition Programs

## For Students

### Robert White Social Justice Award:

This award is an annual bursary that is awarded to graduating students in Grey Bruce who have demonstrated an active involvement in the promotion of community and social justice awareness. An application is required.

### Day of Mourning Award:

This award is designed to honour students who have an awareness and knowledge of workplace health and safety issues. Successful applicants are required to prepare and deliver a 500 word speech on health and safety of young workers. An application is required.

## Community Leadership

### Worker's Health & Safety Centre Grey-Bruce Labour Council Activist of the Year Award:

This award is presented to a community activist who exemplifies activism in Health and Safety in the workplace along with an elevated level of community leadership and awareness building. The Worker's Health and Safety Centre has long been the driving force behind the empowerment of workers in Health and Safety training and activism in our region and beyond and is the sponsor for this award. A nomination is required.

### Grey Bruce Labour Council Person of the Year

The award is presented to a community member who demonstrates extraordinary leadership in community activism and leadership. A nomination is required.

# Building Our Community

## Working For Strong Municipalities

Decisions made by local governments help shape the kind of cities and towns we live in. Municipalities are responsible for a wide variety of services and programs; from public transit to social services to the water we drink. Our school boards educate thousands of children. All of these services are crucial to working families. Your Labour Council has a long tradition of involvement in municipal politics, including endorsing candidates during elections.

## We Speak Out On Community Issues

We are proud of the diverse makeup of our communities. We speak passionately on issues of equity and social justice. Your Labour Council continues to fight for accountability and democratic process within our communities. With our community we demand that our public services are kept in public hands. Your Labour Council also appoints labour representatives to local boards and committees to advocate for workers' interests.

## Services to Meet Members Needs

Your Labour Council offers supports to local affiliate unions through education, contacts and national, provincial and local campaigns.



For local information dial 211

# Contacts and Information

[www.greybrucelabour.com](http://www.greybrucelabour.com)  
[www.unionrocks.ca](http://www.unionrocks.ca)  
[www.unitedwayofbrucegrey.com](http://www.unitedwayofbrucegrey.com)  
[www.canadianlabour.ca](http://www.canadianlabour.ca)  
[www.ofl.ca](http://www.ofl.ca)  
[www.whsc.on.ca](http://www.whsc.on.ca)

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## Talking Union:

The Council provides presenters to speak to students in schools. Teachers who are interested in having a speaker should contact the Labour Council.

## Labour Council Labour School:

The Labour Council in cooperation with the Canadian Labour Congress is proud to sponsor a labour school for labour activists.

## Representing Labour:

The Grey Bruce Labour Council provides Labour representation on the following:

- Employment Insurance Board of Referees
- The Four County Labour Market Planning Board
- Huron Shores Learning Collaborative
- Fair Vote Canada
- United Way of Bruce Grey
- Ontario Health Coalition

# Grey Bruce Labour Council



REPRESENTING THE  
NEEDS OF WORKING  
PEOPLE SINCE 1956





**Grey Bruce Labour Council**  
 Representing the Needs of Working People Since 1956  
 (Chartered to the Canadian Labour Congress in 1956)



**The Grey Bruce Labour Council** is a central labour body that combines the strength of local unions representing thousands of working men and women and their families. Its mandate is to organize and advocate on issues that are vital to working people throughout the region, and to support local provincial and national education campaigns.

Working actively to support people's needs is a big part of a Labour Council's work.

The Grey Bruce Labour Council actively:

- Works with the United Way
- Supports social needs in our communities
- Participates on local boards and agencies
- Assists and supports shelters for women and children
- Provides resources and support for workers in crisis through the Union Counselling Program
- Provides young workers with space and resources to organize youth projects, in this area: Union Rocks
- Provides speakers to schools to talk health & safety and union participation; Talking Union
- Supports active membership in political involvement

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Day of Mourning:

The Day of Mourning is to recognize workers who have been injured or lost their lives on the job. Ceremonies are held annually at Bruce Power, Hanover and in Owen Sound. The Labour Council sponsors an annual speech writing contest for Secondary Students in Grey and Bruce Counties on the topic of injured workers. The speech is an important part of the local ceremonies. Held annually on April 28.



### Labour Day Parade: Port Elgin

Ontario's 2nd largest Labour Day Parade takes place in Port Elgin with a full day of events for the family.

The downtown parade starts at 11am, followed by a lunch and other events at the CAW Family Education Centre. Includes a children's bike rodeo, classic car show and much, much more!

### Remembrance Day Wreaths:

Each year the Labour Council lays wreaths in Kincardine, Tiverton, Hanover, Meaford and Owen Sound in remembrance of the Canadians who fought to defend our freedoms.

Union Rocks is a youth based pro-union social planning organization that provides opportunities for young activists to advocate on social justice issues.

Founded in 2005, youth activists travel to various events with a message that is both pro-union and supportive of social justice issues.

Visit [www.unionrocks.ca](http://www.unionrocks.ca) for more information.



The United Way's mission is to improve lives and build communities by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action.

It's an understatement to just acknowledge that the United Way of Bruce Grey works very closely with the Grey Bruce Labour Council.

While the Grey Bruce Labour Council supports the fundraising efforts of the United Way through an annual donation as well as encouraging members to participate in local payroll campaigns, the partnership is greater and support flows both ways.

The United Way keeps the Labour Council informed on social justice issues and opportunities within the community. The United Way puts a human face, a story, to crisis within the community, and across the province and county.

Labour Council members are volunteers on the United Way Board of Directors, fund distribution committees as well as event volunteers.



United Way's Labour Day Parade float