



# The Bark

Summer 2014

**The lazy days of summer are nearly here!**

- Harold Neth, Editor

## News & Events

- June 12 – [World Day Against Child Labour](#)
- June 21 – [National Aboriginal Day](#)
- July 1 – [Canada Day](#) (video)
- July 5 - [International Day of Cooperatives](#)
- July 30 – [International Day of Friendship](#)
- August 9 - [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#)
- August 12 – [International Youth Day](#)
- August 10-15 or 17-22 – [SUNIA for high school students. Register at \[www.sunia.ca\]\(http://www.sunia.ca\)](#)
- August 19 – [International Humanitarian Day](#)
- August 23 – [International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition](#)
- September 1 – [Labour Day](#)
- September 5 – [International Day of Charity](#)
- September 8 – [International Literacy Day](#)
- September 15 – [International Day of Democracy](#)
- September 21 – [International Day of Peace](#)
- October – [Healthy Workplace Month](#)
- October 1 – [International Day of Older Persons](#)
- October 5 – [United Nations' World Teachers' Day](#)
- October 7 – [World Habitat Day](#)
- October 13-19 – [Coop Week](#) (Canada)

## Exciting News – *GWG: Piece By Piece* Multimedia Musical Production

As the current school year draws to a close, Aspen Foundation has received the exciting news that our application for a grant from Edmonton Community Foundation has been accepted.

This will allow Aspen to begin work on making Maria Dunn's *GWG: Piece By Piece* available to Edmonton and Alberta schools in digital form. The package will include support materials for teachers in grades 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

*GWG: Piece By Piece* is a multimedia musical production that tells the GWG story in Edmonton through video interviews with women who worked in the factory and is interwoven with songs inspired by their experiences. The show has toured throughout Alberta and across Canada. In Edmonton, it has been performed for students in schools as well as for teachers at the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention.

The stand alone CD of the songs from the show has had considerable airplay on CKUA and CBC Radio and was 2013 Canadian Music Award nominee.

The production develops several themes including Women in the Workplace, Cultural Diversity, Globalization, Work Process, and Unions.

## Sunia: The Seminar on the United Nations and International Affairs – Political Action, Outdoor Adventure

If you've never sent students to attend this program, make this the year. It is for high school students and Week A runs August 10-15 and Week B is August 17-22, at Goldeye Center near Nordegg. (You can find more information at [www.sunia.ca](http://www.sunia.ca).)

Students participate in a mock Security Council as a member of the UN and explore an ongoing international issue. Students meet experts from the UN and Canada's Department of Defense as well as students from all over Alberta and around the world. It helps students become politically engaged citizens.



# Aspen Foundation for Labour Education



## Social Justice Learning Grants

Do you have an idea that would promote social justice in your school and community, but you need money to get started?

The Aspen Foundation works to help educate young Albertans and develop citizens that are engaged in social justice and economic issues that affect workers, communities, and society.

If you are a teacher or a parent who wants to encourage a teacher to apply for a grant of up to \$1500 from Aspen, please go to our website, [www.afle.ca](http://www.afle.ca) for further information and the application form or check for it the latest ATA school mailout.

At least five schools in Alberta will be selected for Social Justice Learning Projects that meet our criteria. One half of the grant will be paid when the application is approved. The balance is paid on completion of the project, and the recipient provides an accounting and evaluation report.

While the application deadline is October 6, 2014, planning a project and engaging students in the planning requires time. The final days of the school year may be a good time to get started in preparation for the next school year.

## Social 30-2 lessons on *Common Ground: Defending the Public Sector*

The lesson to accompany the 42 minute video, *Common Ground* produced by Canadian filmmaker Tom Radford, will be available shortly on the Aspen Foundation website at [www.afle.ca](http://www.afle.ca). The link to the video is also available there.

The lessons guide students to assess the views of Alberta's political leaders regarding healthcare, as well as to examine past premiers' views on the future of the province, and to consider the impact of privatization on public employees and the citizens of Alberta. The lessons and the video also examine the contrast between policies and events here in Alberta with what has occurred in Wisconsin.

## Social 30-1 lessons on *Common Ground: Defending the Public Sector*

The Social Studies 30-1 lesson and activities for the film, *Common Ground* are now available for download on the Aspen website at [www.afle.ca](http://www.afle.ca).

## Your Support is key to offering Social Justice and Labour Education in our Schools!

It's friends like you who make Aspen's work possible. You too think it important that schools teach the perspective that allows for youth to change and build a new, fairer, more kind, and more just workplace, community and society,

Thank you to the unions and individuals who have already made a donation this year. If you have not yet donated, please send us your contribution. Aspen Foundation is a registered charity and provides income tax receipts to individual donors.

To donate, see our website and contact information at the bottom of this page or go to:

[CandadHelps.org](http://CandadHelps.org)

## Related Links & Info

- Fairness Works!  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhInxpMMqk0>
- AFLE Teaching Resources  
<http://aspenfoundation.squarespace.com/teachingresources/>
- ATA Magazine Vol. 92: DEHR to make a difference  
<http://www.teachers.ab.ca/Publications/ATA%20Magazine/Volume%2092/Number-3/Pages/Dehr-to-make-a-difference.aspx>
- Social Studies Council Conference 2014, Oct. 23 -25  
<http://www.lethbridge2014.com>

**Always review resources before using them in class.**



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