



BC LABOUR
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PRESERVING OUR STORIES, FUELING THE MOVEMENT



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OUR VALUES

- The stories we preserve fuel today's labour movement.
- When union members learn about the workers who came before them, they feel connected to the movement and show up stronger for their unions.

2025 IMPACT REPORT



OUR STORIES

Build appreciation for labour's victories for all workers



UNION STRENGTH

Support for union conferences, campaigns and events



BUILD POWER

Tools to build the labour movement today and into the future



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Your support matters



Labour History Matters

- Much of our history is at risk of disappearing. Our stories are fading from memory or hidden away in archives.
- We work to ensure that workers' stories continue to inspire today's labour movement
- We build public understanding of the contributions of unions that benefit every worker

We deliver quality research which makes history relevant to today's unions. This past year alone, we have achieved a lot.

- ✓ Restored **Ginger Goodwin's gravestone** in Cumberland and strengthened connections to his Yorkshire roots.
- ✓ Recalled labour's long fight to oppose racist **apartheid** in South Africa.
- ✓ Published new research on **women's work** in transit, garment factories and fruit-packing plants.
- ✓ Chronicled the relationship between the labour movement and the **New Democratic Party**.
- ✓ Re-visited the historic 1947 meatpacking strike where **support from unions** was pivotal.
- ✓ Collected new interviews with labour activists from **all regions** of BC.



Oral History

Interviews with labour leaders and activists in all regions; processing, publishing and promoting their stories before they are lost forever.



Archives

Preserving and digitizing physical, audio and visual materials from the movement, including publications, recordings and photographs.



Education

Lesson plans, Labour Heritage Video moments, podcasts and newsletters are tools for classroom teachers and union education programs.



Outreach

Researching and producing materials to support our labour and community partners in organizing and promoting workers' rights.

Find us Online

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Labour Heritage Moments

These short videos were created by the BC Labour Heritage Centre to highlight important stories from our history. Archival recordings and images are woven with excellent storytelling and contemporary testimonies.



Oral History Interviews

In these videos, you'll hear incredible stories from people at the heart of labour history in British Columbia, including first-hand accounts of pivotal moments, such as the protests following Ginger Goodwin's death.



Podcast: 'On the Line: Stories of BC Workers'

Tune into our 30-minute podcast episodes while you're driving or doing the dishes! We focus on a different topic each time, from pivotal events in labour history to the lesser-known stories of women, Asian, and Indigenous workers.



Plaques Around the Province

We help to install bronze plaques across the province to commemorate events, groups, individuals, and places that played a significant role in the history of British Columbia.



Teaching Materials

Use our free lesson plans, videos, and downloads in the classroom. Teach your students about the labour movement and how working people helped to shape BC. Explore topics like social justice, labour unions, and workplace health and safety.



Union Zindabad!

This ground-breaking 120-page book traces the long and complex relationship between South Asian Canadian working communities in BC and the labour movement. Read it online, or order a physical copy from our shop.



"It was the labour movement that was able to bring about changes in our society, in our way of life, in our social consciousness."

Jack Munro (1931-2013)
Founder, BC Labour Heritage Centre

The Breakdown

134 ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS

Fully transcribed high-quality interviews with BC labour activists. Free downloads.

34 PODCAST EPISODES

Uniquely produced audio podcasts drawing from archival recordings, music and oral histories.

43 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Lesson plans and videos for classroom use, most translated for French language teachers.

43 WALKING TOURS, PRESENTATIONS

Presentations, in-person walking tours for union and community groups.

73 VIDEOS AND AUDIO RECORDINGS

New and freshly restored audio and video recordings chronicling BC's labour history.

81 PUBLICATIONS

Published articles, books and newsletters profiling the labour figures and achievements in BC.

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