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Dear Members,

The Education Committee would like to draw your attention to the following courses being offered by the CAW-McMaster University Labour Studies Certificate program:

I. Computer Skills for Activists

Ever wonder what a wiki, poke, and tweet have in common? These terms are associated with social networking technologies that are changing the way we communicate. Use of internet-based communication is growing across society and is increasingly used as a first point of contact by unions and many other social justice oriented organizations. This three session course explores these web-based technologies by providing students with an opportunity to apply them in a practical application. Students will be guided through the steps to sign-up and create a blog. Topics will also include social networking sites such as YouTube, Facebook, Flickr, Twitter and Skype. This course is suited for those at an intermediate level of computer use.

Course dates: **Saturday Nov. 6 (9:00 – 4:00),
Thursday Nov. 18 (6:30-9:30), and
Thursday Nov. 25 (6:30- 9:30)**
Location: **Mills Library Wong-E Classroom**
Tuition: **\$725**

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE ABOVE COURSE VIA EMAIL BEFORE THIS THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER AT 5:00 PM. Please send an email indicating your interest in attending this course to Sam Vrankulj at education@cawlocal555.ca

II. The New Labour Movement in Iran

VIDEO CONFERENCE COURSE

Iran has been the subject to intense transformations over the last three decades. Today, a new type of labour movement is emerging in the country. The first session of this course will be presented by Farid Partovi who will examine the history of this transformation, how the original revolution got taken over by a religious faction and the recent attempts to steer Iran on to a different path. The second session will be presented by Donya Ziaee of York University will focus on the impact all of this has had on women in the country.

Course dates: **Mondays Nov. 8 and 15, 6:30- 9:30**
Location: **Mills Library Video Conference facility (main level)**

Please email Kim Sardella at sardella@mcmaster.ca if you are interested in attending this course.

Both of the above courses are eligible under the **employee tuition assistance program**.

In Solidarity,

CAW Local 555
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