



August 23, 2022

TO ALL IBEW FIRST DISTRICT LOCAL UNIONS

RE: Applications for the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference 2023

Greetings:

Our world has a huge opportunity before us – to emerge from the pandemic with a commitment to improve our communities and organizations and to inspire our next generation of leaders. In June 2023, the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference will convene in Canada. We are asking for your engagement.

The Commonwealth Study Conference, which began in 1956, is one of the world's most prestigious leadership development programs, bringing together 300 promising young leaders from more than 35 Commonwealth countries across trade unions, business, government, and the community sector for an intensive two-week program. Together, they will examine the problems we face, the opportunities we share, and how to build smarter, more inclusive organizations and communities around the world

To share in its success, we are asking you to encourage one or more of your emerging union leaders to apply to join this leadership development experience of a lifetime. Every applicant goes through the same selection process and acceptance is based on merit. It is vital to have a strong contingent from the labour community, not only in Canada, but also from all 35 Commonwealth countries participating and as the host country, it would be great to see some of our own IBEW emerging labour leaders selected to participate.

Applications for CSC2023 are being received until **September 30, 2022**. For two weeks in June 2023, the 300 members of the 11th Commonwealth Study Conference will have Canada – the world's second largest country – as a classroom for experiential learning on engaged leadership.

Many trade unionists have deeply benefited from this Conference in the past, attaining skills and experiences that are well worth the time and investment by the IBEW and our Local Unions. In fact, the IBEW has representatives who are helping to put together this Conference and we are proud to be the first labour union to make a financial contribution, leading the way for other unions to follow.



You can learn more about the 2023 Commonwealth Study Conference at some of the following links below:

- Study Conference website www.CSCCanada.org
- The Conference introductory video is [here](#)
- Global participant testimonials can be found [here](#)
- A message from Conference Chair Darryl White, CEO of BMO Financial Group, is [here](#)
- Online application can be found [here](#)

If you have any questions about the Conference, or how you or a member can become involved in supporting the Conference, please contact IBEW International Representative Matt Wayland at: Matt_Wayland@ibew.org or at 647-465-6167.

In solidarity,

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Russ Shewchuk
International Vice President

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cc: International Representatives
IBEW System Council #11
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The 11th Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference



HRH Princess Anne
Conference President

The global development
program for emerging leaders

June 3-18, 2023

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Darryl White
CEO, BMO Financial Group,
Conference Chair

Explore Engaged Leadership for Inclusive Change

In June 2023, Canada is bringing together 300 of the most promising young leaders from around the Commonwealth to work together in a highly diverse setting and examine the problems we face, the opportunities we share, and how to build better, smarter, more inclusive organizations and communities.

The Commonwealth Study Conference is one of the world's most dynamic leadership development programs. Since its start in 1956, more than 8,000 young men and women have been through the global program and its regional affiliates.

Thanks to the importance of the program's mission, there is no conference fee for attendees and their only cost is travel to Canada. The Conference relies on generous donations from business, governments, trade unions and individuals.

"Experience has shown these conferences are a force for good within the Commonwealth and within each country of the Commonwealth. The time, resources and effort are a critical contribution to a Connected Commonwealth and a tribute to my father. You can count on my continued support and engagement."

—HRH PRINCESS ANNE
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

📍 OPENING: BANFF—June 3-5, 2023

Opening Plenary events take place over three days at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Inspired by renowned speakers from around the world, members begin exploring the Conference theme *Engaged Leadership for Inclusive Change*.

📍 STUDY TOURS—June 6-15, 2023

Members are assigned to 15 "Study Groups." Each group travels to different regions of Canada where their classrooms will be the dynamic diversity that powers our urban and rural economies and communities.

📍 CLOSING: MONTRÉAL—June 16-18, 2023

Reconvening in Montréal, the Study Groups prepare and present their findings in a two-day Closing Plenary, highlighting their experiences and how they will apply their new knowledge about leadership in their organizations and communities.

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

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