

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABOR LEADER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

October 2nd - October 3rd, Seattle College's Georgetown Campus

Details & Registration

Agenda

Details are subject to change.

Day 1

Monday, October 2nd

1:00 Opening Remarks

April Sims, President, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

1:10 Keynote Speaker

Melissa Wells, Executive Assistant to the President, North America's Building Trades Unions

1:30 Panel & Group Discussion: Defining "Quality Jobs" & Establishing the Union Nexus

Sean Bagsby, Business Manager & Financial Secretary, IBEW 46

Josh Hall, Workforce Labor Liaison, Oregon AFL-CIO

Nathe Lawver, Secretary-Treasurer, Pierce County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Monty Anderson, Executive Secretary, Seattle Building and Construction Trades Council

2:45 Break

3:00 Panel & Group Discussion: Growing Registered Apprenticeship & Supporting A New Generation of Apprentices

Ligaya Domingo, Racial Justice & Education Director, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW

Andy Friedman, Director, United We Heal Training Trust and Provider Services Fund (AFSCME)

Mitchell Forhan, Paint Coordinator, Finishing Trades Institute Northwest

Megan Pearson, Director of Strategic Partnerships, ANEW

Sally McNair, National State Education Policy Implementation Coordinator, Washington Education Association (WEA)

4:15 Georgetown Campus Apprenticeship Facilities Tour

Laura Kingston, Georgetown Campus Workforce Dean

5:30 No-Host Networking Reception El Sirenito- Patio, 5901 Airport Way S, Seattle, WA 98108

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Day 2

Tuesday, October 3rd

8:00 **Buffet Breakfast**, catered by Renton Technical College

9:00 **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Sayumi Irey, South Seattle College President

9:10 **Keynote Presentations**

Kim Cosby, Strategic Policy Advisor, Working for America Institute, AFL-CIO

What's Happening Nationally?

Muhammad Javid, WA Labor Education & Research Center / Rebekah Whittaker, OR Labor

Education & Research Center / Rachel Erstad, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies

How Can We Address Equity in Workforce Development? Trends and Ideas

10:30 **Panel & Group Discussion: A Look at the Workforce System State-by-State & Labor's**

Key Roles

Emmanuel Flores, Workforce Development Director, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Zack Fields, Alaska: State Representative, Organizer, Laborers Local 341

Chelsea Watson, Oregon: Field & Research Director, Oregon AFL-CIO

Larry Brown, Washington: Co-Chair, WA ST Workforce Training & Education Coordinating

Board & WSLC, AFL-CIO Past President

Tammy Johnson, Wyoming: Executive Director, Wyoming AFL-CIO

12:00 **Lunch**, catered by Renton Technical College

1:00 **Panel & Group Discussion: Community Outreach & Opening Doors to Union Jobs**

Joe Kendo, Chief of Staff, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Shaunie Wheeler, Deputy Executive Secretary-Treasurer, MLK Labor

Pia Rivera-Jones, Deputy Program Director, Seattle Presidents' Organizing Initiative

Christina Riley, Owner of Christina Riley Consulting, Tribal Liaison, and Apprenticeship Specialist

Raquel Binford, Political Organizer, Coalition for Change

Brian Walter, Business Representative, Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 55

Kevin Crocker, Apprenticeship Coordinator, Ironworkers Union Local 29

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Day 2

2:30 Break

2:45 Panel & Group Discussion: Grant Funding: How to Procure & How to Intentionally

Partner to Advance Labor Values

Kairie Pierce, Lead Workforce Development Director, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Joelle Hall, President, Alaska AFL-CIO

April Sims, President, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Adam Grim, Deputy Director, Machinists Institute

Stuart Bass, Principal, Progress Worx, LLC

4:15 Closing Remarks

Group Discussion: What's Next?

Cherika Carter, Secretary-Treasurer, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

5:00 Adjourn