



# BCTI Alumni NEWS

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## *British Columbia Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy* | **October 22 - 26, 2013**

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS ONLINE FOR TEACHERS AND FACILITATORS!

The Parliamentary Education Office is pleased to announce that the next British Columbia Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy will be held in Victoria from October 22 - 26, 2013. It promises to be an engaging, intensive and enjoyable professional development opportunity for BC teachers. Please spread the word amongst your colleagues and encourage them to apply online today!

The Institute enables teachers to:

- enhance their knowledge and understanding of BC's political system;
- promote discussion and critical inquiry into key issues in parliamentary democracy;
- share ideas, resources, and methods for teaching parliamentary democracy in relation to BC's educational learning outcomes;
- champion effective citizenship and extend the discussion about parliamentary democracy to their students, schools, and communities;
- interact with MLAs and Legislative Assembly staff; and,
- become familiar with the resources available through the Parliamentary Education Office at the Legislative Assembly.



### Return to the BC Teachers' Institute as a Facilitator

Teachers who have attended a BC Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy are eligible to apply to return once as a facilitator.

Facilitators are the first point of contact and provide ongoing guidance and support to participants. Facilitators are expected to be approachable, knowledgeable, and to have excellent organizational and leadership skills. In addition, facilitators will have the ability to promote discussion and critical inquiry into key issues on Parliamentary Democracy.

Successful applicants will have their accommodation, meals, travel, and ToC costs paid for by the B.C. Teachers' Institute. The registration fee is waived for facilitators. Applications to become a facilitator at an upcoming Institute are being accepted online now!

**[Facilitator Application Form](#)**



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To complete a BCTI Alumni Survey or to view photos of past Institutes, visit the:

**[BCTI Alumni Corner](#)**

For any other inquiries, to update your contact information, or to unsubscribe to this newsletter, email: [PEO@leg.bc.ca](mailto:PEO@leg.bc.ca).

### Did you know...

Fall 2013 will mark the 15th session of the BC Teachers' Institute.

Since the BC Teachers' Institute was launched in April of 2004, 213 teachers have successfully completed this four-day professional development program.

Today, BCTI Alumni are spreading their knowledge about British Columbia's parliamentary system in every region of BC.

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## UPDATE ON STUDENT VOTE BC 2013



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We are delighted to announce that the number of schools registered for Student Vote BC 2013 has already surpassed any other Student Vote parallel election that has been coordinated in the province. With over 720 schools registered from every electoral district, we are expecting nearly 100,000 students to cast a ballot in this election.

The Student Vote BC program will be covered by media sources across the province. Specifically, The Vancouver Sun and Global News have partnered with us to promote participation and provide in-depth coverage of the program. Global TV will also broadcast the Student Vote results on their election coverage following the close of voting on May 14.

Schools can register until April 29

[www.studentvote.ca](http://www.studentvote.ca)

1-866-488-8775

## Full Steam Ahead for the Legislative Tour Office

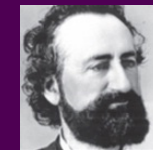
The Legislative Tour Office is gearing up for another busy spring and summer!

Eight seasonal tour guides will shortly begin their intensive training period before many school groups arrive for a tour of BC's Parliament Buildings in May and June. This summer, tour staff will be able to provide guided tours in English, French, German, Spanish, Mandarin, Taiwanese and Japanese.

From May 13th - September 2nd, the ever-popular Parliamentary Players will also be on site representing significant figures from BC's past. Dressed in period costumes, these student actors help bring history to life for the more than 75,000 visitors who join our free guided tours each season. If visiting the Parliament Buildings, keep an eye out for Queen Victoria, Sir James Douglas, Francis Mawson Rattenbury, Amor de Cosmos, Nellie Cashman and Mary Ellen Smith!

Bring history to life in your classroom by linking to videos of the Parliamentary Players' performances [online](#). Or, order your free classroom copy of the Parliamentary Players DVD and Teacher Resource Package today!

For more information, to book a guided tour of the Legislative Assembly, or to access the variety of educational resources provided by the Parliamentary Education Office, visit our [webpage](#).



## Legislative Trivia

What is the first item of business for a new parliament on the first sitting day following a general election?

Email your answer to [PEO@leg.bc.ca](mailto:PEO@leg.bc.ca)

The first correct respondent will receive a bar of fair trade, organic Speaker's Chocolate, specially made by Denman Island Chocolate.

