

CUPE Course – Labour History

Feb 27 to March 1st, 2015

I found this course to be very interesting, and similar to the introduction to the Labour Law course I took a few years ago.

Our facilitators, Tiffany Balducci and Brad Walchuk, worked well together and took us on a timeline journey of important historical events that brought us up to our present day struggles with employers.

We were given booklets with all the information, and watched some interesting videos that used actual news footage where possible.

The booklets and videos chronicled over 200 years of documented strife, death, hardship, rich vs poor, triumph, celebration. They took us through many wars, the Great Depression, the many recessions, and showed us how long it took to get to where we are in the way of workers rights and the role of the Union(s).

It took many years and many losses to form the first union, without any real clout, and it would be almost 100years before we had any real strength. We've lost and gained over the years, but after going to this course I'm even more motivated to encourage others to take up the fight against anti-Unionists!