



Cowichan District Teachers' Association Social Justice Committee Newsletter October 2011

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Many great social justice activities are already happening in Cowichan schools. Here's information on some resources and grant money to assist further in those endeavours.



Resources on the BCTF Website

Go to www.bctf.ca under the Social Justice tab and you

will find links to the various action groups, lesson plans, videos, resources, etc..

The BCTF also has a video resource library. You fill out the on-line form, they courier the video to your school and you just have to return it by courier when done. Easy!

Ed May grants for social justice projects - due November 25th.

Social justice grants are specifically for projects that have systemic impact across a number of schools within a district. Ed May Grants are for projects which are school based. Applications for those grants are due November 25th.

Application forms are online now at www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/public/AboutUs/ServicesHandbook/4EdMay.pdf

Contact James Chamberlain at the BCTF office, jchamberlain@bctf.ca with any questions regarding new applications.

10 NEW easy-to-run lessons from CHF's Global Education Program Local to Global environmental changes: Beyond disaster relief

Set of 10 lessons with connections to the BC curriculum in Grades 6-9. Could be used in Science, Social Studies, HACE. Available from the

Canadian Hunger Foundation at www.chf-partners.ca/education

Ever wonder what's the difference between social justice and social service?

The article below will give you further insights into the differences between social justice, social service and social responsibility.

Social justice actions address the root causes of oppression and work to create systemic change. This short article on pages 10 and 11 of The Fall 2008 SJ Newsletter provides a good synopsis of these concepts.

<http://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/SocialJustice/Publications/SJ-Newsletter/Fall2008.pdf>

Another good resource is the Social Justice Lens which provides a tool for planning and evaluating social justice projects at the classroom or local level.

<http://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/SocialJustice/Publications/SJLens.pdf>

YouTube launches new website for teachers.

This new website may be of use to educators wanting to use YouTube in a variety of ways within your classrooms.

There is also an interesting series of articles here on the use of Social Media with children.

Article: <http://mindshift.kqed.org/2011/09/youtube-launches-site-specifically-for-teachers/>

Search at: <http://www.youtube.com/education>



For more information on any of the above or help getting started on a project, contact Mary Brinkman (SJ chair), Frances Kelsey Secondary, mbrinkma@sd79.bc.ca