State Council Guest Program

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2023 State Council Guests: Kathy, Sebastian, Callan, Hannah, Kiany and Leah.

Did you know that you have access to five days of paid leave each year to attend union training? This semester, you have an exciting opportunity to make use of this Trade Union Training leave, with applications for the State Council Conference Guest Program now open.

What is State Council Conference?

Twice each year, elected delegates from every district in Western Australia travel to State Council Conference. Here, they form the SSTUWA's highest decision-making body, spending two days in discussion and debate about the union's direction and activities.

Delegates also engage in an element of professional development, with past speakers including Ministers for Education, activists and union leaders from across Australia and the world.

What is the State Council Conference Guest Program?

This November, new educators in their first five years of teaching are invited to join State Council Conference as guests. You'll be paired with a mentor and have the opportunity to observe the proceedings of State Council Conference, meet other new educator unionists and learn more about how and why your union works.

> *"The friendly members of the New Educator Network made me feel very comfortable. The mentor set up was also great as it helped me get an insider view of the way State Council operates."*

2022 State Council Conference new educator guest

How can I apply?

Expressions of interest for the 2024 State Council Guest Program are now open and will close on 26 September. State Council will be held over 15-16 November.

Visit the New Educator tab on the SSTUWA website for more information. Find the EOI form here.

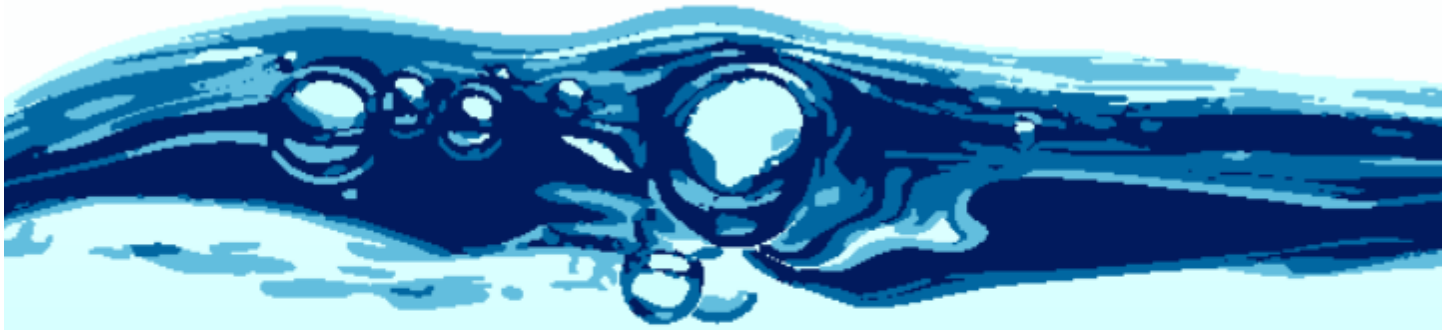


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Teaching tip

Get to know your colleagues

As a graduate teacher, it can be difficult to take a lunch or recess break - you may feel like the time could better be spent marking, calling parents or planning lessons. But spending time with your colleagues can benefit your wellbeing. At least a few times a week, try to spend breaktimes in the staffroom. Get to know the people you work with, take time out from interacting with students and enjoy some peace and quiet! You'll expand your circle of colleagues, find that even experienced teachers have many of the same challenges as yourself and grow your network of people to approach for advice and



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