

Labor Education 101:

in our
classrooms,
in our
unions

**a one and a half day conference
no registration fees**

Friday, November 21, 6 - 10 pm

Saturday, November 22, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel, SFO

1177 Airport Blvd., Burlingame



Friday evening, November 21

Reception and an acclaimed, award-winning **one man play** with actor Ian Ruskin as "Harry Bridges: From Wharf Rats to Lords of the Docks"

6 pm Registration

6:30 Reception

7:30 Theatrical Performance: Ian Ruskin Presents "Harry Bridges: From Wharf Rats to Lords of the Docks," on the life and times of the legendary longshore leader who led the 1934 General Strike

8:45 Discussion

Saturday, November 22

8:30 *Registration and Continental Breakfast*

9:00 *Welcome:*
Shelley Kessler, Executive Secretary
Treasurer, San Mateo Central Labor
Council

Why We Need Labor Literacy:
Fred Glass, CFT Communications
Director

Plenary Presentation:
"Labor Education, Politics, and You"
The Hon. Jackie Goldberg, Chair,
Assembly Education Committee

9:45 Break

Workshops:

10:00 ***In Our Union: Educators as Organizers in Our Locals***

[Choose from one of the following two workshops, A or B]

A. Building Union Identity with New Member Orientation Programs

"Member Benefit Programs from CFT/AFT"
Joe Hooper, CFT Member Benefits Specialist

"How We Got Here: A Short History of the CFT"
Fred Glass, CFT Communications Director

Workshops: (continued)

B. *Why Your Classroom Needs a Strong Labor Movement*

"CFT and Labor Politics"
Ken Burt, CFT Political Director

"CFT and Labor Legislation"
Mike Weimer, CFT Legislative Advocate

11:30 Break

11:45 Lunch

12:15 Sneak Preview: *The Land of Orange Groves and Jails*
Filmmaker Judy Branfman

1:00 Break

1:15 ***In Our Classrooms: Teaching About the Labor Movement***

[Choose from one of the three breakout workshops, A, B, or C]

A. Elementary I: The Yummy Pizza Company and Beyond

Bill Morgan, United Educators, San Francisco; Amy Whitcomb, United Educators, San Francisco; Phyllis Chiu, United Teachers Los Angeles; Sam Frankel, Berkeley Federation of Teachers

Saturday, November 22 (con't.)

Workshops: (continued)

B. *Middle School I: Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers*

Hene Kelly, United Educators, San Francisco; Kathie Rossi, Oakland AFT

C. *High School/Community College I: Collective Bargaining Role Plays*

Linda Tubach, United Teachers Los Angeles; Patty Litwin, United Teachers Los Angeles

2:30

Break

2:45

In Our Classrooms: Teaching About the Labor Movement (con't.)

A. *Elementary II: Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers*

Bill Morgan, Phyllis Chiu, Amy Whitcomb

B. *Middle School II: Child Labor Yesterday and Today*

Patty Litwin

Workshops: (continued)

C. *High School/Community College II: Giving Young Workers the Tools to Organize*

Linda Tubach
Diane Bush, Labor Occupational Health Project, UC Berkeley; Sara Flocks, Young Workers Project; Nato Green, Young Workers Project

4:00

Break

4:05

Where Do We Go From Here? Group Discussion and Conference Evaluation

CFT Labor in the Schools Committee

4:30

Conference adjourns

"I would not lead you into this promised land if I could, because if I could lead you in, someone else could lead you out."

— Eugene Debs

CFT Invites You to a Labor Studies Conference

Would you like to know how you can help your students learn about unions with creative, standards-based lessons? Have you ever wondered why teachers and other education employees are in unions? Would you like to know more about the relationship between your union and the rest of the labor movement?

Join your K-12 and post-secondary colleagues from throughout the state at the "Labor Education 101: In our classrooms, In our unions" conference on November 21-22 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel near the San Francisco Airport. Sponsored by the California Federation of Teachers, the conference is designed to help you with demonstrations of cutting edge social studies curricula (with breakouts for elementary, middle school, high school and community college), and with information on more effective union activism. You will also receive free copies of curricula.

Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, chair of the Assembly Education Committee and a former AFT member, will be the keynote speaker at the conference on Saturday, November 22. On Friday evening, Actor Ian Ruskin, playing longshore labor hero Harry Bridges, will perform his acclaimed solo show "From Wharf Rats To Lords of the Docks."

All AFT members are welcome. Lunch is provided on Saturday. There is no registration fee. If you are traveling, a limited number of scholarships are available. Deadline for both hotel and conference registration is November 12. For more information, contact your union office or the CFT at 714-754-6638, or go to www.cft.org.