

Dear CCU Executive,

Please accept this letter on "What Unionism Means to Me" as an entry for your 2018 bursary program. My name is Trynity Turnbull and I am the second youngest daughter of Tim Turnbull who is an active member of PPWC Local 1 and holds a position as guard on the executive of that local. I am currently in my second year of a 4 year bachelor degree in Urban Specialization and Planning at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec. This profession has interested me greatly from a young age due to the enjoyment and success I had using the urban development simulator called "The Sims". I find this career path very rewarding and stimulating.

As with social and economic development, the structure of unions involves the organization and cooperation of all individuals that wish to be a part of a larger group that is focused on its health and success. Unions have created some of the healthiest and safest workplaces in the world. This has only happened because of the intense effort and focus of these collectives over a long period of time. It is with the same dedication that I believe urban areas will flourish in future. Unions have displayed that betterment of societies is possible if similar efforts are used.

My father has been self-employed for most of his working career and has only been involved in a union for the last three years. He has shown me through his own involvement that unions are a very stimulating and supportive way for a workforce to survive and thrive. It is only through working together hand in hand that future civilization will do the same. This awakening that Dad and I have had through what he has shown me in unions has really helped me to steer my future in a direction that will provide me and the world with a stronger foundation.

All areas of the world can benefit from the examples that unions provide; from the democratic structures of rule to collective involvement of the members, unions really do show a clear roadmap of a successful way to manage socio-economic growth and stability. I plan to use this roadmap to guide the projects that I 'm involved with in my career as an urban planner and influence others on the same path. I would really like to thank my dad for his courage to get involved and learn the true structure and depth that unions have. It's so easy in life to look at societies, governments and geographies from the surface and make uniformed decisions on their effectiveness or successfulness. Understanding unions has really shown me that true dedication, focus and cooperation is real path to a bright and prosperous future for the entire planet.

In closing I would like to offer many thanks and admiration to the thousands of union members over hundreds of years that have worked so hard and, in some cases fought so bravely, to make such a shining example of a method of living and working for all of humanity.