

Ukrainian Canadian Congress AGM, November 2021: NHEC written report

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Summary of Activities:	<p>• Holodomor Remembrance Day in Schools Special Online Presentation Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and its National Holodomor Education Committee (NHEC) 16 April 2021 online launch event </p> <p>Valentina Kuryliw, Chair of UCC’s National Holodomor Education Committee (NHEC) gave a special online presentation about the importance of this day during April Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month. The launch event also featured a screening of former National Film Board of Canada Director Ariadna Ochrymovych’s award-winning film <i>Holodomor: Voices of Survivors</i>, a 30-minute documentary short with moving firsthand accounts of 25 Canadian survivors who tell their stories of experiencing the Holodomor as children. The event was hosted by UCC CEO and Executive Director Ihor Mychalchyshyn.</p> <p>Holodomor Remembrance Day in Schools (April 16) was created at the initiative of HREC Director of Education Valentina Kuryliw working through NHEC and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.</p> <p>https://mailchi.mp/58248a16ab8f/april-16-is-holodomor-remembrance-day-in-schools?fbclid=IwAR0Uxmw12hoMepqiVaJrbT8ka8c9CrdvijgHSmBb1wDQnphgkOxetO66qnM</p> <p>• "Ukrainian Education in Canada: New Realities" online workshop series National Conference for Ukrainian Educators–2021/ Всеканадська Конференція Українських Освітян – 2021 16 May 2021</p> <p>The National Ukrainian Educators’ Conference is an annual event that brings together Ukrainian educators from across Canada. The conference aims to support the collaboration and dissemination of knowledge among educators of Ukrainian language, culture, and heritage. Due to the pandemic, the event was offered online as a series of online educational workshops under the theme "Ukrainian Education in Canada: New Realities." The conference is organized by the UCC National Ukrainian</p>



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	<p>Education Council and the Ukrainian World Congress International Educational Coordinating Council and local partners.</p> <p>NHEC representatives Svitlana Sheptytska presented with Nadia Prokopchuk, Education Department, University of Saskatchewan on new materials, publications and resources for teachers in the Ukrainian language on the Holodomor: “3-Д: Сучасні джерела інформації про навчання Голодомору з акцентом на онлайн ресурси/3-D: Contemporary sources of information for teaching the Holodomor with an emphasis on online resources.”</p> <p>About the Conference, website: https://ncue.ucc.ca</p> <p>Full list of speakers: https://ncue.ucc.ca/program/speakers/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Holodomor Education Committee (NHEC), in cooperation with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) helped to create a Holodomor Advocacy Kit used to approach politicians for Holodomor recognition, awareness and educational inclusion by UCC Branches in the Atlantic Provinces. • The annual Holodomor Memorial Day Pamphlet, 2021, is already updated and prepared and may be downloaded online from https://education.holodomor.ca/holodomor-memorial-day-2021/ in English and in French languages. It provides information and resources and a new announcement for schools to use. This year, Holodomor Memorial Day in schools is on November 26, 2021. Please circulate this information to your local school boards and share with educators. • V. Kuryliw was invited by the Quebec Ministry of Education for consultation and input about the Holodomor for the province of Québec’s genocide education guide for teachers that is in development. The intent of this guide is to help high school students understand what genocide is and to give them the tools and knowledge to prevent this crime. This guide proposes the study of the nine genocides officially recognized by the Canadian government, including the Holodomor. The genocide course is being taught this Fall and the guide will be available in French and later in English by the beginning of 2022. Kuryliw was also asked to prepare a short video as a child of Holodomor survivors that will be part of the family history section in the chapter on the Holodomor. <i>This year is the 11th anniversary that Quebec unanimously passed the acknowledgement of Holodomor as genocide.</i> <p>What is happening in the provinces? <i>Individual reports from the following provinces are attached:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCC Manitoba Provincial Council Holodomor Education and Awareness Report • The UCC Saskatchewan Provincial Council Holodomor Awareness and Education Committee • UCC Alberta Provincial Council Holodomor Education Committee Report
<p>Priorities for coming year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holodomor Memorial Day 2022 pamphlet <p>In late October a package of information is being sent out which includes the pamphlet in both languages as well as a letter reminding educators across Canada about Holodomor Memorial Day. We ask the UCC provincial branches and</p>

	<p>representatives of NHEC to distribute it to your contacts, local school boards, the local Ministries of Education and individual teachers you know in your community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHEC Chair has plans to contact the Atlantic Provinces and Quebec Ministers of Education and the local Ukrainian communities, in cooperation with UCC National. NHEC will be reaching out to local UCC groups to continue working on getting recognition for the Holodomor locally and to include the Holodomor in their curriculum. • Contact with other genocide education groups in various provinces across Canada, such as: Genocide Prevention BC, the Foundation for Genocide Education in Quebec, etc. to create common ground in moving forward with discussing the Holodomor in the curriculum in Canada. • NHEC Committee pages on UCC website have been revised, please visit the website. The educational resource list has been updated.
<p>Outstanding Matters:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The April 16th resolution on commemoration of the Holodomor during Genocide Awareness, Commemoration, Prevention and Education Month (April) in Canada needs to be a permanent date with schools across Canada.