

USW Bingo Instructions for Local Unions:

Duration: 15 minutes

Number of people who can take part: At least 10; no maximum

Materials needed: Pens and Bingo sheets for all; a microphone and sound system if it's a large group; prizes

Before your event:

1. Think about who will be coming to your event and how much they know about our union.
2. Choose a Bingo sheet from these options:
 - a. Prepared Bingo sheet #1 and answer key, with these materials, for use with spouses and families, with members who are new to our union or who haven't been very active, or with general community members
 - b. Prepared Bingo sheet #2 and answer key, with these materials, for use with activists
 - c. Come up with your own descriptions, questions and answers), and make your Bingo sheet using the blank form included with these materials
3. Print enough Bingo sheets for the people you expect will come.
4. Arrange for a number of prizes of USW swag or other items.

At your event:

1. Hand out sheets and pens to everyone.
2. Read out the instructions.
3. Yell "Start!"
4. Call time after five minutes (or whatever length of time you think is best).
5. Read out each question or description, one at a time, and ask people to call out the answers or the name of the person who matched their description. Congratulate them for correct answers, or correct them if the wrong answer is given.
6. Ask everyone to count up how many correct answers they got AND how many squares they were able to get filled out by talking to other.
7. Award prizes to those who had the highest number in each category, to reward social networking as well as knowledge!



USW Bingo #1

Find someone who can answer ONE question or match ONE description on your Bingo sheet. Record their name and answer or other relevant information. Remember: only one answer or description from any one person, so you have to circulate.

What does “USW” stand for?	What is the number assigned to this local union?	Name USW’s program to build solidarity with workers in other countries.	What’s our union’s name in French?
Name USW’s program for women and women’s equality.	Is a member of a union other than USW.	Is wearing something with a USW logo.	How many members belong to this local union?
What kind of work do the members of this local union do?	Name one of the three fundamental health and safety rights workers have.	In what year was the United Steelworkers founded?	Is a steward <u>and</u> can describe their duties.
Has attended a USW conference, convention, or other event.	Besides steel, what other industries does USW represent?	Can sing a verse of “Solidarity Forever.”	What do you call the agreement unions negotiate to protect workers’ rights?

Answer Key for USW Bingo #1

What does “USW” stand for? (United Steelworkers)

What is the number assigned to this local union? ()

Name USW’s program to build solidarity with workers in other countries. (Steelworker Humanity Fund)

What’s our union’s name in French? (Les Métallos)

Name USW’s program for women and women’s equality. (Women of Steel)

Is a member of a union other than USW. (Ask which ones.)

Is wearing something with a USW logo. (Ask for the wearer(s) to raise their hand.)

How many members belong to this local union? ()

What kind of work do the members of this local union do? ()

In what year was the United Steelworkers founded? (1942)

Name one of the three fundamental health and safety rights workers have. (Right to refuse dangerous work, right to know, right to participate)

Is a steward and can describe their duties. (Ask stewards to raise their hands.)

Has attended a USW conference, convention, or other event. (Ask for one or two examples of events attended.)

Besides steel, what other industries does USW represent? (Mining, manufacturing, transportation, telecommunications, education, health care, security, forestry, rubber, glass, hotels, etc.)

Can sing a verse of “Solidarity Forever”. (Ask for a short demonstration!)

What do you call the agreement unions negotiate to protect workers’ rights? (Collective agreement)



USW Bingo #2

Find someone who matches ONE description on your Bingo sheet. Record their name and answer or other relevant information. Remember: only one description from any one person, so you have to circulate.

Can name the 6Ws.	Knows what "SWOC" is.	Can name all three fundamental health and safety rights.	Has attended a labour council meeting or provincial federation of labour convention.
Can name three USW scholarships.	Serves on more than two committees for our union.	Can sing TWO verses of "Solidarity Forever".	Knows what a local must <u>not</u> be in order to avoid a DFR.
Is wearing something with a USW logo.	Has worked on an organizing campaign.	Can explain what the gender wage gap is.	Always fills out a Union Fact Sheet when investigating a grievance.
Can name all three women ever elected to the International Executive Board.	Has attended a USW national women's or human rights conference.	Has worked on a federal or provincial election campaign.	Can name four protected grounds under human rights legislation.

Answer key for USW Bingo #2

Can name the 6Ws. (Who, what, where, when, why, want)

Knows what “SWOC” is. (Steelworkers Organizing Committee, the forerunner of USW)

Can name all three fundamental health and safety rights. (Right to refuse dangerous work, right to know, right to participate)

Has attended a labour council meeting or provincial federation of labour convention.

Can name three USW scholarships. (Post-secondary scholarships, Lifelong Learning scholarships, David Ellis, Westray scholarship (only for high-school graduates in Stellarton, Nova Scotia)

Serves on more than two committees for our union. (Ask for the names of the committees.)

Can sing TWO verses of “Solidarity Forever”. (Ask for a demonstration, followed by applause.)

Knows what a local must not be in order to avoid a DFR? (BAD: act in Bad faith, be Arbitrary, be Discriminatory)

Is wearing something with a USW logo. (Ask for the wearer(s) to raise their hand.)

Has worked on an organizing campaign. (Ask for the name of the workplace and if the drive was successful.)

Can explain what the gender wage gap is. (Women earn on average 30% less than men because of job segregation, stereotypes about the value of “women’s” work, and unequal division of unpaid household work)

Always fills out a Union Fact Sheet when investigating a grievance. (Applause!)

Can name all three women ever elected to the International Executive Board. (Carol Landry, Roxanne Brown, Leeann Foster)

Has attended a USW national women’s or human rights conference. (Ask for the year and location.)

Can name four protected grounds under human rights legislation. (Age, race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, country of origin, gender identity)

Has worked on a federal or provincial election campaign. (Ask for the year and the riding.)



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