

# SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS' CONFERENCE 2013

## FINAL CALL



This is the final call for the 2013 Social Service Workers' Conference which will be held from Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> in Toronto.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR BOOKING HOTEL ROOMS IS  
FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>.**

**(The rooms will be released after February 26<sup>th</sup>)  
It is important that you contact Christina or Nora at  
WE Travel 1-888-676-7747 ASAP**

The sector faces significant challenges with austerity budgets at all levels of government resulting in cuts to services and programs and attacks on jobs, wages, benefits and working conditions. The 2013 conference theme is "Revolution for Rights and Social Services" because we know that it will take organizing fight-back campaigns on a mass scale to defend labour rights and the social services that our members provide in communities across Ontario. Speakers and workshops will provide organizing strategies and tools to assist delegates with engaging members to become more active in the union and with developing effective campaigns to advocate for social services.

The full registration package in both French and English is available at [www.cupe.on.ca](http://www.cupe.on.ca)



## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

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| 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Registration<br>Osgoode Foyer       |
| 6:00 p.m.             | New Delegate Orientation<br>Osgoode |
| 7:00 p.m.             | Opening Plenary<br>Osgoode          |

#### Opening Plenary speakers (speaker biographies in conference book)

**Carrie Lynn Poole-Cotnam**  
Chair, Social Service Workers Coordinating Committee (SSWCC)

**Candace Rennick, CUPE Ontario Secretary-Treasurer**

**Anna Willats – Building Solidarity Movements to Resist Attacks on Services and Unions**

**Archana Rampure – Defending Workers' Rights to Organize**

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| 9:00 p.m. | Social event – meet new people!<br>Provincial Ballroom |
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### Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

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| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  | Registration<br>Osgood Foyer  |
| 8:00 a.m.              | New Delegate Orientation<br>Osgoode   |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Greetings from Brother Charles Fleury- CUPE National<br>Secretary-Treasurer<br>Panel<br>Osgoode |

**Morning panel of organizers to share strategies for developing effective campaigns:**

**Jennifer Huang** - Organizing strategies for developing a proud union consciousness among more members in the union.

**Andrea Madden** – Not all actions take months or weeks to plan.

**Maureen O'Reilly** – The nuts and bolts of a strategic contract campaign to defend public services, jobs and workers rights.

**Liisa Schofield** - Organizing strategies for building effective union-community campaigns.

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| 10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. | Break  |
| 10:45 a.m.- 12 noon   | Geographical/Regional break-out groups and action planning<br>Osgoode  |
| Noon – 1:30 p.m.      | Lunch  |
| 1:30 p.m.- 2:15p.m.   | NDP MPP for Toronto-Danforth Peter Tabuns - Tips for effective lobbying<br>Osgoode   |
| 2:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.  | Break  |
| 2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.     | Workshop - Tools for organizing to defend services and jobs<br>Essex Ballroom, Wentworth, Windsor East & West, Willow ABC, Kenora, Kent, Provincial North and South, Osgoode |
| Adjournment           | Equality Caucus<br>Essex Ballroom  |
| 5:30 p.m.             | Child care "Kitchen Table Discussion"<br>Willow ABC  |

7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Film screening of “We Are Wisconsin” and guest speaker, Melissa Austin, Mobilization Coordinator with the South Central Federation of Labor in Madison, Wisconsin  
Osgoode

## **Saturday, March 23rd**

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Jurisdictional Day  
CAS- Willow ABC  
Developmental Services- Osgoode  
Municipal Social Services & WSIB- Essex Ballroom  
Child Care Windsor- West  
Community Agencies- Windsor East

8:00 p.m.

Solidarity Dance and Silent Auction  
Provincial Ballroom

## **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Closing Plenary  
Report on Mental Injury Survey- Andréane Chénier,  
Health & Safety Specialist  
Osgoode

Carrie Lynn Poole-Cotnam, Chair SSWCC

Fred Hahn, CUPE Ontario President

Sid Ryan, President of the Ontario Federation of Labour

### **Quiet Room**

The conference centre office will serve as a quiet room throughout the conference.