

# **CUPE Ontario Women's Conference**

## **Agenda**

### **Wednesday, March 6, 2013**

- 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:00 p.m. After our Aboriginal Opening, conference participants will be welcomed to the conference at the opening plenary by CUPE Ontario President Fred Hahn and CUPE Ontario Secretary Candace Rennick.
- Before hearing from our key note speaker, participants will be provided with an overview of the conference, as well as a report of the work of the CUPE Ontario Women's Committee.
- Our key note speaker has been asked to share her perspective regarding the importance of women coming together in these challenging times, as we face "austerity" agendas in our communities.
- 9:00 p.m. Social – with Joy Lapps on steel pan as entertainment

### **Thursday, March 7, 2013**

- 8:00 a.m. Aboriginal Smudge
- 8:30 a.m. Aboriginal Election Caucus – to elect representative on the CUPE Ontario Women's Committee
- 9:30 a.m. Pay Equity – Protecting our Rights – Now and for the Future – Mary Cornish
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. As a follow up to the Pay Equity Presentation - Movie – "Made in Dagenham"
- 12:30 p.m. LUNCH
- During the lunch break there will be two election caucuses.*
- 12:30 p.m. Racial Justice Election Caucus – to elect representative to the CUPE Ontario Women's Committee
- 1:00 p.m. Young Workers Election Caucus – to elect representative to the CUPE Ontario Women's Committee

1:30 p.m. CUPE Ontario Sector Chair Panel:

Terri Preston	Ontario School Board Co-ordinating Committee
Kelly O'Sullivan	Healthcare Workers Co-ordinating Committee
Janice Folk-Dawson	Ontario University Workers Co-ordinating Committee
Carrie-Lynne Poole	Social Service Workers Co-ordinating
Mary Jo Falle	Ontario Municipal Employees Co-ordinating Committee

2:45 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. Interactive Discussion with Panelists – connecting the work of our sectors with the reality of women's lives

4:00 p.m. Session Adjourns

*Two election caucuses to follow adjournment:*

4:15 p.m. Workers with Disabilities Election Caucus – to elect representative to the CUPE Ontario Women's Committee

4:45 p.m. Pink Triangle Election Caucus - to elect representative to the CUPE Ontario Women's Committee

7:00 p.m. Forum – organized by the CUPE Ontario International Solidarity Committee - The Gendered and Militarized Violence against the women of Congo

### **Friday, March 8, 2013**

7:45 a.m. Early morning Yoga

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8:45 a.m. Smudge

9:00 a.m. Elections for 5 representatives to the CUPE Ontario Women's Committee, at least one representative to be from the north

10:00 a.m. Idle No More – invitation to speaker to share thoughts regarding the impact of the history of Aboriginal Governance issues and Aboriginal rights on women's rights in Aboriginal communities (and beyond), as well as the role of women in the Idle No More movement.

10:45 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. All participant workshop.

Workshop Statement of Purpose: To develop a deeper understanding of the current situation of CUPE women in the Union and the community and to build our individual and collective capacity to make concrete and achievable change in this climate. This includes developing a stronger sense and lasting and renewed sisterhood for our times.

12:30 p.m. LUNCH

1:30 p.m. Workshop Continues

3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:15 p.m. Interactive Plenary and Report Backs from the Workshop

4:30 p.m. National Child Care Campaign Presentation

7:00 p.m. Participants are invited to join Rathika Sitsabaiesan, NDP, MP Scarborough Rouge River (and CUPE Ontario Women's Committee member 2009 – 2011) at her constituency office to celebrate International Women's Day with a Candlelight Vigil – information about transportation will be provided at the conference.

### **Saturday, March 9, 2013**

7:45 a.m. Women's Economy Breakfast – with a presentation by Paul Moist, National President, CUPE

9:00 a.m. Presentation by Deena Ladd, from the Worker's Action Centre launch

9:30 a.m. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario NDP

10:15 a.m. Presentation and Video from the Workshop

10:30 a.m. Candace Rennick, CUPE Ontario Secretary Treasurer – closing of the session – and to move on to International Women's Day Rally and March

10:45 a.m. Prize Draw

11:00 a.m. International Women's Day Rally and March *\*\*\*buses (including accessible transportation) will be available to travel together\*\*\** OISE Auditorium, 252 Bloor St. W. Toronto – marching to fair at Ryerson, 55 Gould St. Toronto *\*\*\*transportation will be available for those who choose not to walk for the full march\*\*\**