

World Aids Day

World Aids Day was established in 1988 by the World Health Organization. It provides all sectors of society including trade unions an opportunity to raise awareness and focus attention on the global HIV/AIDS epidemic. While admittedly in some countries the annual number of new HIV infections and AIDS related deaths has fallen, overall HIV/AIDS remains a global health problem of unprecedented dimensions. This year's theme is again *Leadership*. It calls upon governments, AIDS programs, community organizations, labour groups and individuals to take the initiative and provide leadership in the global challenge to stop HIV/AIDS.

CUPE members around the province work every day supporting and helping people with HIV/AIDS to live productive lives free of discrimination and harassment. CUPE Ontario continues to support campaigns to educate all members on the issues and demand employment rights and human rights for people living with HIV/AIDS here in Ontario and around the world. We urge you to support events in your community on December 1st and join us in the global fight against HIV/AIDS.