



FINAL CALL

This is the final call for the 2014 CUPE Ontario Social Services Conference which will be held from Thursday, March 20th to Sunday, March 23rd, in Ottawa.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR BOOKING HOTEL ROOMS IS FEBRUARY 25th, 2014. The rooms will be released after this date. It is important that you contact Christina or Nora at WE Travel to reserve accommodation at 1-888-676-7747 toll free.

The full registration package in both French and English is available at www.cupe.on.ca

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The social services sector faces significant challenges with austerity budgets at all levels of government forcing cuts to services and programs and attacks on jobs, wages, benefits and working conditions.

Speakers at this year's conference will talk about strategies for engaging CUPE members in action for fairness – action to address widening inequality, defend union and workers rights and to defend services. Sub-sector meetings have been expanded to a day and half to allow for more time for members to share information about the key challenges they face in the workplace, strategies for bargaining, ways to strengthen the links between locals and coordinated action. Conference delegates will participate in the planning of a province-wide action to put pressure on the provincial government to stop the cuts to social services in the Ontario budget.

Social Services Conference 2014

March 20-23, 2014

Ottawa, Ontario

AGENDA

Thursday, March 20th

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m.	New Delegate Orientation
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Conference Theme – Action for Fairness
	Call to Order
	Equality Statement
	Adoption of Agenda
	Welcome and Opening Remarks – SSWCC Chair – Carrie Lynn Poole-Cotnam
	CUPE Ontario Diversity VP Welcome remarks- Veriline Howe
	Video Presentation
	CUPE Ontario Speaker – Fred Hahn, CUPE Ontario President
	Keynote Speaker: Kathleen Monk, Senior Advisor, Broadbent Institute
	Cultural Presentation
9:00 p.m.	Meet and greet

Keynote Speaker, Kathleen Monk:

Kathleen Monk was the Broadbent Institute's founding Executive Director and continues to serve as Senior Advisor. Prior to this, Ms. Monk worked on Parliament Hill as Director of Strategic Communications for Jack Layton. She is a frequent media commentator and was hailed the "The New Voice of Canada's Political Left" by the Hill Times. Before entering politics, Ms. Monk worked in newsrooms in Toronto, Ottawa and Washington. She's a graduate of the London School of Economics, where she was awarded an MSc in Politics and Communication and is an active volunteer with Equal Voice. She also spends an enormous amount of time reading about dinosaurs and playing Lego with her two boys.

Friday, March 21st

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.	New Delegate Orientation
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Call to Order SSWCC Elections for Chair, Injured Worker Representative and Health and Safety Representative
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Panel: Making the Links between the Stand Up for Fairness Member-to-Member Organizing Project, Collective Bargaining Mobilization and Political Action
10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Morning break
11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Geographical/regional break-out sessions: organizing a Provincial social services action around the 2014 Ontario provincial budget
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Child Care action on Parliament Hill and lunch
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Sub-sector meetings: Community Agencies, Municipal Social Services, Developmental Services, Children’s Aid Societies and Child Care
5:00 p.m.	Equality Caucus
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Equality Forum: “From Dagenham to Ontario: the Struggle Continues for Equal Pay and Pay Equity” Jan Burowy, Guest Speaker Movie screening: Made In Dagenham – a dramatization of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant, where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination.

Equality Forum Guest Speaker, Jan Burowy:

Jan Burowy brings to her law practice a longstanding commitment to the promotion of workers’ rights and human rights. Prior to joining Cavalluzzo, Jan worked at the Ontario Public Service Employees Union where she advocated for workers in the Ontario Public Service, community colleges, healthcare and community agencies. Jan is the former Research Co-ordinator at the International Ladies’ Garment Workers Union, where her work focused on a campaign for fair wages and working conditions for garment home-workers. She further developed her advocacy skills as the Worker’s Rights Community legal worker at Parkdale Community Legal Services.

Saturday, March 22nd

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Sub-sector meetings continued
Social event – Light refreshments served

Sunday, March 23rd

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Alexandre Boulerice, NDP MP for
Rosemont-Petite Patrie and Labour Critic for Canada's
Official Opposition
Bylaw Amendments
Discussion about CUPE Ontario Resolutions for
Convention in 2014
CUPE Ontario Speaker – Candace Rennick, CUPE
Ontario Secretary Treasurer
Wrap up: Carrie Lynn Poole Cotnam, SSWCC Chair

Closing Plenary Guest Speaker, Alexandre Boulerice:

Alexandre Boulerice has a BA in Sociology from the University of Montreal and an MA in Political Science from McGill University. From 1998 to 2001, he was a journalist and editor for the TV networks TCN and TVA. From 2001 to 2011, he was a Communications Advisor for the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). He was elected Member for the riding of Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie (Montreal) for the New Democratic Party (NDP) in the 2011 Canadian federal election. He is the Labour Critic for Canada's Official Opposition.