

CUPE Ontario Women's Conference 2015  
**Women of Power – Rise for Fairness**



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## Agenda

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>

6:00 - 7:00pm	Registration
7:00 pm	Opening and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aboriginal Teaching</li><li>• Fred Hahn, President, CUPE Ontario</li><li>• Candace Rennick, Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE Ontario</li><li>• Greetings from Toronto CUPE District Council</li></ul>
	Keynote Speaker - Lynn-Marie Smith, R&B Artist and Union Organizer
9:00pm	Welcome Social

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30 - 8:30am	CUPE National Economics Breakfast
8:45 - 9:00am	Aboriginal Smudge
9:00 - 9:30am	Opening Remarks – Committee Introductions
9:30 - 10:30am	Issues that Matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mary Cornish, Chair of the Ontario Equal Pay Coalition – Pay Equity</li><li>• Deena Ladd, Coordinator of the Workers Action Centre – Minimum Wage and non-unionized women</li><li>• Audrey Huntley, Co-founder, No More Silence – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women</li></ul>
10:30 - 10:45am	BREAK
10:45 - 12:00pm	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pay equity</li><li>• Minimum wage</li><li>• No More Silence/Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women</li></ul>
12:00 - 1:30pm	LUNCH Racial Justice Election Caucus Young Workers Election Caucus
1:30 - 2:15pm	Hot Topics Irene Jansen, CUPE National – CLC Domestic Violence Survey results Yolanda McClean, CUPE Ontario – CUPE Ontario Executive Board Restructuring Debbie Oldfield, CUPE National – Organizing
2:30 - 2:45pm	BREAK
2:45 - 4:30pm	Movie screening and discussion: <i>Rosies of the North</i>

## FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>

7:30 - 8:30am	Yoga and Zumba Simultaneous wellness sessions
9:00 - 10:15am	Setting the Political Context: Keynote Speaker - Kathleen Monk, Political Strategist Q&A
10:15 - 10:30am	Break
10:30 - 12:00pm	Panel: Challenges and Successes in CUPE <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carrie Lynn Poole-Cotnam (SSWCC Chair) on childcare</li><li>• Maureen O'Reilly (Library Committee) on precarious work within public sector</li><li>• Terri Preston (OSBCC Chair) on school board bargaining and school closures</li><li>• Janice Folk Dawson (OUWCC Chair) on pensions</li></ul> Q&A
12:00 - 1:30pm	LUNCH Workers with Disabilities Election Caucus Pink Triangle Election Caucus
1:30 - 2:30pm	Panel: Women in Politics <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP, Scarborough – Rouge River</li><li>• Cheri DiNovo, MPP, Parkdale – High Park</li><li>• Ausma Malik, Trustee, Ward 10, Trinity-Spadina</li><li>• Peggy Nash, MP, Parkdale – High Park</li></ul>
2:30 - 2:45pm	BREAK
2:45 - 5:00pm	Presentation on CUPE National election priorities Election engagement workshops

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 - 8:45am	Aboriginal Election Caucus and Smudge
9:00 - 10:30am	Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elections for 5 representatives to the CUPE Ontario Women's Committee</li><li>• Resolutions</li><li>• Report back slideshow</li><li>• Election Results</li></ul>
10:30am	Adjournment and March to Rally INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S RALLY and MARCH - OISE