

Ouwcc Sector Breakout Report

The University sector breakout session was jointly facilitated by Amy Conwell and Gerry Boily, the Health and Safety and Injured Workers representatives for the sector. They were joined by Nikki Sheppard, a Staff Representative/WSIB Specialist for CUPE National.

The breakout focused on a number of pressing topics, including addressing COVID-19 in the workplace by filing exposure forms and WSIB claims, building a case to support claims related to long-term injuries in the workplace (e.g., repetition injuries, asbestos, long-COVID), and Chronic and Traumatic Mental Stress claims and their success rates.

The breakout then shifted to strategy planning, building from our discussion to collective action. One clear conclusion is that Locals need support from CUPE National Staff in their fight to ensure health and safety and prevent injury at work: expect resolutions calling on CUPE National to invest in the Staff jobs necessary to support Locals in doing this work!