



February 2011

TO: AFFILIATES

SECOND NOTICE

Greetings:

WHAT HAS CHANGED? FOR WORKERS OF COLOUR Workers of Colour Assembly/Educational March 25 & 26, 2011 OFL Building, 15 Gervais Drive, Auditorium, Toronto

This will be the **first** ever OFL Workers of Colour Assembly/Educational organized by the OFL Workers of Colour Committee co-sponsored by the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Latin American Trade Unionists Coalition and Asian Canadian Labour Alliance.

By the year 2017, peoples of colour will represent one out of five Canadians. Peoples of colour are considered to be persons of Chinese, South Asian, South East Asian, Black, Filipino, Latin American, Arab, West Asian, Japanese and Korean decent, among others.

Many peoples of colour face racism, discrimination, social and economic inequities every day at work and in the broader community. As part of the OFL *Communities that Work Campaign*, this Educational will give the participants the opportunity to discuss relevant and current issues like barriers to equality and access including good green jobs, adequate affordable housing, pensions, quality social and economic support as Ontarians.

The Assembly/Educational will allow a safe space for open dialogue about issues that affect our specific communities.

Participants will develop short and long term strategies that will acknowledge our valuable experiences through documenting our history and our future. It will allow them to map out concrete proactive ways to build long lasting solidarity between unions and community organizations all over Ontario.

If participants have any pictures, resources or documentation past or present that they would like to share, please bring it with you to the event.

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Registration – The Registration Form is attached. The registration fee is \$85.00 for affiliates and \$15.00 for community participants. For further information please contact Janice Gairey, Director of Human Rights at 416.347.9732 or email jgairey@ofl.ca. Please return the completed form, together with a cheque payable to “Workers of Colour Assembly” no later than **March 11, 2011**.

On Friday, March 25, registration starts at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. followed by the Panel Presentation and Plenary Session which will begin at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Hotel Arrangements – Participants are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. To book your hotel room, please contact the Toronto Don Valley Hotel and Suites at 416.449.4111 or toll-free at 1.877.474.6832 and indicate you are with the Ontario Federation of Labour to obtain the OFL room rate of \$139.00. This does not include taxes. Parking is \$11.95 per night.

Child Care – It is OFL policy that we will provide child care services if more than ten (10) children are registered for this service. The Child Care Registration Form must be received by **March 4, 2011** as we must make arrangements with the child care provider.

Personal Assistance Request Form – Accommodation can be provided for delegates with disabilities if advance notice is received. If services are needed, please complete and return the attached Personal Assistance Request Form by **March 11, 2011**.

Allergy Alert Notice – It is OFL policy that events are scent free to ensure the active participation of those with chemical sensitivity.

For more information, please contact Janice Gairey. Additional forms can be obtained from the OFL website www.ofl.ca or by contacting Paulette Hazel at 416.443.7667 or phazel@ofl.ca or toll-free at 1.800.668.9138.

In solidarity,



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Executive Vice-President

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