



Time to celebrate DS work

***Have you planned your local's
January 18, 2012 Developmental Service
Worker (DSW) Appreciation Day
workplace event and MPP lobby?***

Every day across Ontario developmental service workers 'make it possible' for people with developmental disabilities to live in the community and thrive.

It's important work that often goes unrecognized.

That's why celebrating Developmental Service Worker (DSW) Appreciation Day across Ontario on January 18, 2012 in your workplace is important.

Here's what some CUPE DS locals are doing to recognize the work of DSWs on January 18:

- holding a special lunch or coffee events in the workplace;
- giving members gift cards;
- jointly organizing workplace events with employers.

What's your local doing to recognize the value of the work DSWs do?

Let us (kdavidson@cupe.ca; syeadon@cupe.ca) know about your DSW day appreciation event.

Ensure DS services and supports are adequately funded

Organize an MPP lobby on DSW Appreciation Day

Please contact your MPP(s) at his/her constituency office now to set up an appointment to meet with them sometime between January 11 and January 18.

We will send you a short pledge letter you can ask your MPP to sign in order to show support for the DS sector and the valuable contribution of DSWs to quality services.

Pledges will be collected and sent to the new Minister of Community and Social Services.

Please fill out the attached form with the details of your DSW event and MPP meeting and send it to syeadon@cupe.ca and kdavidson@cupe.ca by January 11th.

On DSW Appreciation Day 2012, let's put the spotlight on the entire sector across the province.