

SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS' CONFERENCE 2012

FINAL CALL



This is the final call for the 2012 Social Service Workers' Conference which will be held from Thursday, March 22nd to Sunday, March 25th in Niagara Falls.

The climate at bargaining tables across the sector continues to present increasing challenges. With the recent release of the Drummond Report and the provincial budget pending, we must focus on strengthening our role as advocates for the valuable services we provide in the social services sector.

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

The conference agenda is as follows:

Thursday, March 22nd

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	*Developmental Services (DS) Leadership Meeting
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m.	New Delegate Orientation
7:00 p.m.	Opening Plenary
9:00 p.m.	Meet and Greet

*To register for the DS session, please contact usiniavskaia@cupe.ca

Friday, March 23rd

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.	New Delegate Orientation
9:00 a.m. – noon	* Workshops
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Panel: Learning from Our Successes
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7:00 p.m.	Equality Forum

*For workshop descriptions and registration, please see conference registration package at www.cupe.on.ca

Saturday, March 24th

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	*Jurisdictional Day including elections
8:00 p.m.	Solidarity Dance and Silent Auction

*Jurisdictions are: Child Care; Children's Aid Societies; Community Agencies; Municipal Social Services & WSIB; and Developmental Services.

Sunday, March 25th

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Closing Plenary, including Elections
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Each year at the CUPE Ontario Social Service Workers' Conference, a fundraiser is organized for a not-for-profit social service agency in the host city. In Niagara Falls - one of Canada's largest immigration entry points - the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre provides a continuum of services to support newcomers from the point of their first steps in Canada until their long-term integration into local communities. We are organizing a silent auction and are asking for your support in the form of auction items such as artwork or gift certificates which can be used anywhere in Ontario. All proceeds from the silent auction will go to the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre. For more information and to arrange for your contribution to the silent auction, please contact kdavidson@cupe.ca .

Your support of the silent auction is much appreciated and we look forward to seeing you at the conference!

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