

TO ALL PRESIDENTS, CUPE ONTARIO SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS:

As social service workers, though ever growing and expanding; we are still representing the majority of small locals (under 100 full-time equivalents), within CUPE Ontario. We have also organized a number of new locals in the last year who are negotiating their first collective agreement and have yet to collect dues.

These locals are often geographically isolated, and even more often financially isolated. The level of activism within these Locals is amazing but members are often unable to participate in all the activities available to them through CUPE due to cost.

In an effort to address this identified shortfall in opportunities to experience and learn, as well as to ensure the true voice of all of the members we represent is heard, The Social Service Workers Coordinating Committee has endeavored to find ways to bring these members to their annual conference.

We continue to try to find ways to move this initiative forward and ask for your input. We are looking to hear from the both small/new and large locals to establish how we can work together to broaden the activism within our Union.

The committee will make every effort to maximize the opportunities for small and/or new locals to attend the conference.

Please take a moment to complete this questionnaire.

Local Number: _____ **Total Number of Members** _____

Sub- Jurisdiction (i.e. community agencies, Child Care, etc): _____

† **My Local is not able to participate in the upcoming Social Service Workers Conference in Toronto, but we would be able to with the following support:**

Subsidized registration	†	Travel expenses	†
Accommodation	†	Meal Allowance	†
Lost Wages	†	Orientation	†
Peer Mentoring	†	Daycare	†
Other _____			

† **My Local is willing to support members who would not be able to participate in the upcoming Social Service Workers Conference in Toronto, without this support, by providing the following:**

Subsidized registration	†	Travel expenses	†
Accommodation	†	Meal Allowance	†
Lost Wages	†	Peer Mentoring	†
Other _____			

Please return questionnaire to the attention of: Uliana Siniavskaia by February 26th, 2013

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