
May 24, 2011

Dear Members of OPSEU:

On behalf of the OPSEU Provincial Women's Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 2011 Women's Conference - *Taking Root: The Human Rights of Food and Water*. In addition to welcoming previous conference participants, we would like to extend a special invitation to those who have not attended in the past. We look forward to meeting all of you. This year's conference promises to be particularly exciting.

We are pleased to be bringing you a conference on a very timely topic – food security and our human rights. We will present a thought-provoking roster of speakers, events and an in-depth workshop on the topic. Our goal is for you to go home with ideas for immediate action in your communities. We hope for a rich mix of diverse backgrounds and points of view among conference participants.

The tentative goals of our conference are as follows:

1. Identify how food and water have become human rights issues, locally and globally
2. Identify ways to show solidarity with food workers here and elsewhere
3. Practice everyday decisions that strengthen food and water security for everyone
4. Share inspiring ideas to apply back in our regions, in our roles as caretakers, workers, community and union activists.
5. Strengthen members' ability to critically read food ads and labels

Don't miss this opportunity to network, learn, share experiences *and* have some fun. Please join us as we enjoy the camaraderie of our peers from across the province. With your participation, passion and insight we can make this one of the best women's conferences yet.

Please submit a completed application to the Equity Unit at Head Office by the deadline of July 14, 2011 by midnight. Please note that we will be using an anonymous selection process and will be applying the criteria for selection as set out on pages 4 and 5 of this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

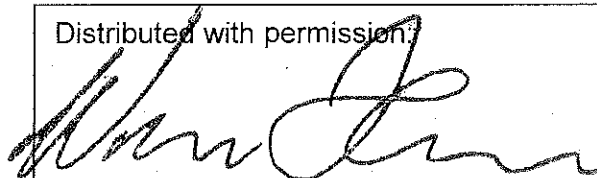
I look forward to meeting you at the conference!

In solidarity,

Dora Robinson

Chair, Provincial Women's Committee

Distributed with permission:



Warren (Smokey) Thomas - President

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print or Type)

Personal Information	Local #: _____ Union # _____ Name: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">Last</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">First</div> Home Address: _____ _____ Phone Numbers: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">Home</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Other</div> Email Address: _____
Sector	_____ OPS _____ BPS _____ CAAT-A _____ CAAT-S
Hotel	<p>Members are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements.</p> <p>Information about hotel reservations will be sent to successful applicants upon completion of the selection process. All participants are entitled to stay at the hotel on a shared room cost basis.</p>
Car Pooling	Are you able to offer a ride? _____ Do you need to carpool? _____
Personal Assistance Required?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, please complete and return the Personal Assistance form included in this package
Advance / Time off Letter Required?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, please complete and return the Advance/Time off Request form included in this package
Child Care Required?	_____ Yes _____ No If yes, please complete and return the Child Care Registration form included in this package

REGISTRATION FORM – continued

Spaces available for members attending the Conference will be divided evenly among OPSEU's 7 regions. The selection committee will try to ensure that participants represent the diversity of identities and experience in OPSEU, based on the following considerations:

1. **Which of the following groups do you identify with?** (please select all boxes that apply):

- A racialized person** (a person who considers themselves "Black" and/or whose heritage is South East Asian, North East Asian, South Asian, West Asian, African, Caribbean or "mixed race")
- A non-racialized person** (a person who considers themselves "White", and/or whose heritage is Canadian, American, Eastern or Western European, Australian, New Zealand)
- Francophone** (a person whose first language is French, and who still speaks French)
- A person of aboriginal ancestry** (Métis, Inuit and First Nations)
- A person with a disability** (a person with a disability based on a long term or recurring physical, mental, sensory, mental health/emotional disability or learning impairment)
- An able-bodied person** (a person without a physical/sensory, mental/emotional, or learning disability)
- A younger worker** (e.g. a person under 30 years of age)
- An older worker** (e.g. a person over 50 years of age)
- Gay** (males with an orientation exclusively to males)
- Bisexual** (persons who have an orientation to more than one sex)
- Lesbian** (females with an orientation exclusively to females)
- Questioning** (persons who are unsure of their sexual orientation)
- Two Spirited** (a term specific to Aboriginal people)
- Gender Variant** (persons who are transgendered, transsexual and inter-sexed)
- Heterosexual** (persons who have an orientation to the opposite sex)

2. **Have you attended the OPSEU Women's Conference in the past?**

- Yes No

3. **Are you active in OPSEU (e.g. elected to union position)?**

- Yes No

4. Are you active in the community (e.g. Volunteer at a community agency or religious organization?)

Yes No

5. If you are active in OPSEU and/or the community, please tell us what you do.

6. In a few words, please tell us why you would like to attend this event.

(You might want to consider addressing the following in your answer - your previous union or community-based experience; your particular passion or interest in equity and human rights issues and how the conference relates to your union or community work.)

Advance/ Time off Request Form (Please Print or Type)

Advance and Time off Requests must be received no later than September 30, 2011.

Local # _____ Union # _____

Name _____
(Last Name) (Given Name)

Address _____
(Street, Apt. #, City, Postal Code)

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

PLEASE NOTE: You are responsible for the costs of shared accommodation and all meals. Please include these expenses in your advance request. The hotel will post all charges to your credit card which you will need to provide upon check-in. If you do not have a credit card you will be required to deposit an amount equal to one night's accommodation and show your driver's license for identification purposes.

Amount of advance requested? \$ _____

Delivery Method

Mailed to home To Regional office for pick up To be delivered at meeting

TIME OFF LETTER REQUIRED FOR:

Dates Required? _____

Name of Employer Contact: _____

Title: _____

Employer e-mail: _____

Address: _____

Fax # (Including Area Code): _____

NOTE:

1. OPSEU will not cover the expenses for those members who do not stay for the entire conference.
2. Members will only be covered for accommodation on a shared room basis (i.e., Half the cost of a hotel room). Those who elect to occupy a single room will be responsible for the remaining cost.

Personal Assistance Request Form

Last Name _____		First Name _____	
Home Address _____			
City _____		Postal Code _____	
Email _____			
Phone (Home) _____		(Work) _____	
Local # _____		Regional Office _____	

PLEASE CHECK:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am blind or visually impaired. | <input type="checkbox"/> I am deaf or hearing impaired. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I use a Wheelchair.
(Hub to hub measurements) | <input type="checkbox"/> I use crutches and need to be near an elevator. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have dietary restrictions or special needs. | <input type="checkbox"/> I will need assistance when evacuating a room quickly. |

Are there any special needs to be accommodated for any of the conference activities? (e.g., sign language interpretation; large print documents, dairy-free)

- Yes No

Please specify:
