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DISTRICT COUNCIL

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

Hassan Yussuff, President of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) sent a letter to the Prime Minister demanding a public inquiry into the missing and murdered Canadian Aboriginal women. There are close to 1200 women missing and murdered and this number is disproportionately high, showing how Aboriginal women and girls make up 16% of female homicides and 11% of missing women yet they only make up 4% of the female Canadian population.

The People's Social Forum

The PSF held more than 500 workshops in Ottawa dealing with social justice, equality, health, democratic renewal, labour, the environment, and a wide range of related issues.

Campaign to Raise Minimum Wage

NDP leader Thomas Muclair pledged to raise the minimum wage to \$15 if he is elected in 2015.

Ontario is pushing ahead with a meagre 75-cent increase to the provincial minimum wage. Minimum wage at present keeps people at 16% below the poverty level.

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is the first museum dedicated to the evolution, celebration and future of human rights. It is the first national museum to be built in nearly half a century and the first outside the National Capital Region.

Bill 18

The Ontario Government has re-introduced legislation that takes some important steps to improve the working conditions of workers in unstable employment-*Bill 18 The Stronger Workplaces for a Stronger Economy Act, 2014*. Bill 18 is expected to pass second reading and then go into the committee review stage where changes and amendments can be added. The Worker's Action Centre feel that these changes are good for workers, but more must be done to bring fairness to our workplaces.

Classroom Resources

www.commonthreads.ca consists of high quality, classroom-ready resources for Ontario secondary school teachers. There are lessons designed using specific Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum expectations. Some resources available now are for civics, science, geography, health, politics and family studies.

Other Human Rights Resources

Justice for Children and Youth

www.jfcy.org

Canadian Race Relations Foundation

www.crr.ca

Workers Action Center

www.workersactioncentre.org

Diversity Watch Community Groups

www.diversitywatch.ryerson.ca

Centre for Social Justice

www.socialjustice.org

The Clean Clothes Campaign

www.cleanclothes.org/

Students Against Migrant Exploitation

www.thesame.ca

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