



OPSEU International Youth Day

Toronto Membership Centre

31 Wellesley Street East, Toronto

August 13 - 14, 2013

April 2013

Dear Young Workers:

The Provincial Young Workers Committee (PYC) invites you to submit your application for the 2013 International Youth Day (IYD). In addition to welcoming previous IYD participants, we would like to extend a special invitation to those who have not attended in the past. We welcome all members who identify as young workers and look forward to meeting you!

This year's event is called "Lobby for Your Future!" The focus will be to build strong communities through political action. The goal is to educate young workers and empower them to make informed choices about their futures in OPSEU, their workplace and the broader labour movement. Planned activities will be interactive and will equip participants with the necessary tools and knowledge of the importance of lobbying and how it can be used to bring about change for a better future. We hope participants leave the event with solid ideas that they can take back to their communities to make a difference.

Event participants will be selected by the PYC with assistance from the Equity Unit. The selection process will try to achieve a diverse group of attendees, representative of the young workers within our membership. Confirmation will be issued to the selected participants in late June.

Do not miss this opportunity to network, learn, share experiences *and* have some fun. Please submit your completed application by e-mail or fax to the Equity Unit **no later than midnight, June 14, 2013**. Please note that we will be using an anonymous selection process and will be applying the criteria as set out on pages 4 and 5 of this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

In solidarity,

Provincial Young Workers Committee (PYC)

Distributed with permission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Thomas".

Warren (Smokey) Thomas - President

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About the 6th Annual International Youth Day event: “Lobby for Your Future!”

In recognition of the PYC’s motto, this event will EDUCATE, MOTIVATE and MOBILIZE young workers into action whether it is in their local communities, workplaces or in the labour movement. Participants will become familiar with lobbying techniques, strategies and tactics designed to raise greater awareness on the challenges that young workers continue to face.

The event is open to all OPSEU members in good standing, regardless of their union experience, who identify as young workers. Members of equity-seeking groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Tentative Conference Outline

Tuesday August 13, 2013

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	Registration, Welcome and Meet and Greet
9:30 to 10:00 a.m.	Conference Opening
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.	Warm-Up Exercise, OPSEU: The Owner’s Manual
10:30 to 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 to 12:15 p.m.	Panel of Speakers, Q&A
12:15 to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Political Action Course – Lobbying for the Future

Wednesday August 14, 2013

Up to 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast (not provided)
9:30 to 10:15 a.m.	Guest Speaker, Q&A
10:15 to 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 to 12:00 p.m.	Lobbying – tools and techniques, success stories
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Workshops, Closing Exercise, Conference Evaluation

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APPLICATION FORM

(Please Print or Type)

Applicant Number (to be assigned by the Equity Unit): _____

Personal Information	Local #: _____ Union # _____	
	Name: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> Last First </div>	
	Home Address: _____ _____	
	Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____	
	Cell Phone: _____	
	Email Address: _____	
Sector	<input type="checkbox"/> OPS <input type="checkbox"/> BPS <input type="checkbox"/> CAAT-A <input type="checkbox"/> CAAT-S	
Hotel	<p>A block of rooms will be held for participants at the Courtyard Marriott (475 Yonge Street, Toronto). Information about hotel reservations will be sent to successful applicants upon completion of the selection process. Members are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. A block of rooms is being held until July 13, 2013.</p> <p>All participants who live more than 60km from the Wellesley Office are entitled to stay at the hotel on a <u>shared room</u> cost basis based on the OPSEU rate.</p>	
Car Pooling	Are you able to offer a ride? _____ Do you need to carpool? _____	
Human Rights Accommodation Required?	_____ Yes _____ No	Childcare Required? _____ Yes _____ No
Advance Letter Required?	_____ Yes _____ No	Time Off Letter Required? _____ Yes _____ No

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Spaces available for members attending the Conference will be divided 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. **Please indicate which of the following groups you identify with (please select all boxes that apply):**
 - A racialized person** (a person who may experience differential treatment on the basis of race, ethnicity, language, religion or culture, e.g. a person whose heritage is Asian, African or Caribbean)
 - A non-racialized person** (a person who does not experience differential treatment on the basis of race, ethnicity, language, religion or culture, e.g. a person who considers themselves to be white and/or European descended)
 - 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)
 - 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 transgender and transsexual)
 - Intersexed** (persons who are not easily classified as either biologically male or female)
 - Heterosexual** (persons who have an orientation to the opposite sex)
 - Male**
 - Female**

2. **What is your age group?**

- 18-24 25-30 31-35 over 35

3. **Have you attended the International Youth Day event in the past?**

- No Yes If yes, please indicate what year(s) _____

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

- No Yes

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

- No Yes

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

7. How do you help young workers get involved in the labour movement?

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

(You may want to consider addressing how the conference relates to your union or community work.)
