



Winnie Ng

For over three decades, Winnie has championed the rights of workers through her involvement with various labour organizations and networks. She is currently the Acting Executive Assistant to the President of the Toronto and York Region Labour Council. Prior to that, she was the Acting Executive Director of the Labour Education Centre, and for eight years, she was the Canadian Labour Congress' Ontario Regional Director. She is the Labour Co-chair of Good Jobs for All Coalition, an executive member of the Asian Canadian Labour Alliance and a board member of Labour Community Services. Recognized for her leadership in the Canadian labour movement, Winnie is the recipient of numerous distinctions including the Urban Alliance on Race Relations' Leadership Award, the United Farm Workers' Cesar Chavez Black Eagle Award and the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award. She is a sought-after speaker and contributor on women's rights, labour equity and anti-racism issues.

Winnie holds a MA and PhD from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Her doctoral studies focused on re-imagining the labour movement from an anti-racism perspective. She graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Sociology.

Currently, Winnie is the CAW-Sam Gindin Chair in Social Justice and Democracy at Ryerson University.



Olivia Chow

In a political career that began in 1985, Olivia Chow has been one of Toronto's most effective leaders – on the Board of Education, at Toronto City Hall, in Parliament, and on the national stage.

In 1991, Olivia was the first Asian woman elected as a Metro Toronto Councillor. She was re-elected five times, serving with distinction for 14 years before winning election to Parliament in 2006.

While at City Hall, Olivia served as Chair of the Community Services Committee and Vice Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), among other senior responsibilities.

First elected to Parliament as MP for the riding of Trinity-Spadina in 2006, Olivia has won re-election twice. Olivia is currently the Official Opposition Transport and Infrastructure Critic.

Throughout her career, Olivia has been at the forefront, working for progress for all residents. She has reached across party lines and travelled across the country, forging alliances with municipal and provincial leaders, business and advocacy groups.

Olivia married Jack Layton in 1988, and together they forged one of Canada's most remarkable political partnerships, sharing a passion for life and a commitment to change. Since Jack's death in 2011, Olivia has continued the quest to make Toronto a better city and Canada a better country for all.



Derek Fudge

Derek is the current National Director of Policy Development for NUPGE, an organization that he has been with for over 32 years.

He authored *Together for Social Change: Employing Disabled Canadians*, a national study analyzing employment services for Canadians with disabilities.

Derek's areas of expertise are in the fields of labour law, pensions, human rights and international solidarity. He is the author of *Collective Bargaining in Canada: Human Right or Canadian Illusion?* published in August 2006 and *Future Considerations: A Pension Manual for Union Activists* published in November 2007. Derek has also had several research papers and articles published in labour and social policy journals. He has been a guest speaker at a number of national and international conferences.

In November 2000, Derek was elected as the first-ever Canadian Labour Congress Vice-President (Persons with Disabilities) and served as a member of the CLC Executive Council for four years. As Chair of the Disability Rights Working Group, he was instrumental in developing the group's focus around "disability rights" and played a leading role in developing the MORE campaign.

Derek also serves on the Canadian Foundation for Labour Rights (CFLR) as Secretariat staff to the Board of Directors. He has been active in the NDP for over 30 years and is a member of the NDP Federal Council.



Judy Duncan

Judy Duncan founded ACORN Canada over 9 years ago in August 2004.

Under her management the organization has now grown to over 51,000 members with four offices across the country. Judy worked for Washington ACORN for 1.5 years before moving back to Canada. Prior to joining ACORN, she worked with the International Institute for Sustainable Development in Winnipeg.

Judy received her M.A. in Community and Regional Planning from the University of British Columbia in 2003.

ACORN Canada is an independent national organization of low and moderate income families with members in over 20 neighborhood chapters across 7 cities.

It believes that social and economic justice can best be achieved with a national active membership who are invested in their organization and focused on building power for change!