



CENTRAL BARGAINING NEWS

August 25, 2011

Together we are stronger

Bargaining Update

47 OPSEU units remain in bargaining and, of these, 41 have now filed for conciliation. In addition, there have been five strike votes, all of which have given a strong strike mandate to their bargaining teams. As the October 6 provincial general election approaches, developmental services units are showing a unified front. We must keep up the pressure with MPPs and information pickets as we demand that the employer return to the Provincial Discussion Table.

DivEx meeting scheduled for September

Your recently elected Developmental Services Divisional Executive (DivEx) members will be meeting in Toronto on September 21 and 22 for two full days of planning.



DS workers take on Bay Street

More than 100 OPSEU activists and our supporters held an information picket outside a Bay Street Liberal fundraiser on August 18. Buses brought in developmental services demonstrators from as far away as Windsor and London.

Local 166 Community Living London president, Deb Morphew, stopped the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Deb Matthews as she headed in to the event. Immediately addressing the critical lack of sector funding, Morphew told Matthews that this has created a waitlist of 8000 people with developmental disabilities in Ontario. These people end up in long term care when they have no where else to go. She urged the Minister to tell Dalton to get the parties back to the Provincial Discussion Table.

For photos and more details, visit <http://www.opseu.org/bps/development/2011/news-august-19-2011.htm>



Windsor picket at Dwight Duncan golf fundraiser

Come out to the Windsor picket on Monday, August 29. Liberal Finance Minister, Dwight Duncan, is hosting a Golf Tournament in support of the Windsor-Tecumseh Provincial Liberal Association. This is an important opportunity to tell Dwight that Developmental Services urgently require funding!

When: Monday, August 29, 2011
Where: Ambassador Golf Club
1025 Sprucewood Avenue, Windsor, ON
Time: 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon

For more information contact Lisa Fewster at lhuble@rogers.com

Getting our message out on Labour Day

Make Developmental Services part of your Labour Day events: Bring along issue flyers and banners and wear a DS sticker at your local Labour Day parade or picnic! This international celebration of working people is a great opportunity to get our urgent funding message out to our communities. For more information about Labour Day events near you, visit the OPSEU website at www.opseu.org.

DS DIVISIONAL EXECUTIVE:

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