



**OPSEU/SEFPO Young Workers Conference
Courtyard by Marriott 475 Yonge St.
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1X7
August 12-14, 2022**

May 2022

Dear Young Workers:

The OPSEU/SEFPO Provincial Young Workers Committee (PYC) invites you to submit your application for the 2022 Young Workers Conference! It will take place from August 12-14 at the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Toronto. 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 welcome all members who identify as young workers, 35 and under. We look forward to meeting you!

“Be Seen, Be Heard, Be Louder: We are the RIGHT NOW” will celebrate today’s young workers and leaders in the labour movement. Many are local presidents and influential members of their communities. This conference will focus on developing leadership skills that are meant to last a lifetime. Guest speakers will inspire but will also challenge young workers to examine their own strengths and weaknesses especially when it comes to setting their own professional and personal goals. Workshops and related activities will focus on self-advocacy, public speaking and political action.

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. All applicants will be contacted in June and will be advised of the status of their application.

Do not miss this opportunity to network, learn, share experiences *and* have some fun. Please submit your application no later than **end of day on May 29, 2022**. You can apply directly by logging onto OPSEU/SEFPO’s member portal at: <https://members.opseu.org/>. **Only online applications will be accepted for this event.** We will be applying the criteria as set out in questions 1-10 of the application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For any additional requirements, please contact the Equity Unit directly at youngworkersconference@opseu.org

In solidarity,

Provincial Young Workers Committee (PYC)

Authorized for distribution by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JP Hornick", is written over a light blue grid background.

JP Hornick – OPSEU/SEFPO President



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About the 14th Annual Young Workers Conference: “Be Seen, Be Heard, Be Louder: We are the RIGHT NOW”

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.

The event is open to all OPSEU/SEFPO members in good standing, regardless of their union experience, who identify as 35 or younger workers. Members of equity-seeking groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Child Care is provided and available throughout the conference: Friday, August 12 from 5pm to 9pm, Saturday, August 13 from 8:30am to 5:00pm, and Sunday, August 14 from 8:30am to 12:00pm. You may submit your child care request upon completion of the selection process.

Tentative Conference Agenda

Friday August 12, 2022

5:00 to 7:00 PM	Registration (dinner on your own)
5:00 PM	Smudging Ceremony
5:30 to 6:30 PM	New Delegate Orientation
7:00 to 7:20 PM	Welcome, Conference Logistics, Meet the PYC
7:20 to 7:40 PM	Icebreaker/Networking Activity (Rock/Paper/Scissors)
7:40 to 8:55 PM	Keynote Speaker – Modernizing the Union Movement
8:55 to 9:00 PM	Wrap-up and Adjournment

Saturday August 13, 2022

8:00 to 9:00 AM	Breakfast (not provided), Registration Re-opens
9:00 to 9:15 AM	Morning Announcements, Networking, Icebreaker
9:15 to 9:35 AM	OPSEU/SEFPO President, JP Hornick and OPSEU/SEFPO First Vice-President/Treasurer, Laurie Nancekivell Conference Opening Remarks and Welcome



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9:35 to 10:30 AM	Panel discussion on Pensions and their Importance
10:30 to 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	Question Café / Q&A from Panel Discussion
12:00 to 1:30 PM	Lunch (not provided)
1:30 to 3:15 PM	Self-Advocacy Workshop
3:15 to 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 to 4:30 PM	Workshop (continues)
4:30 PM	Wrap-up and adjourn, Dinner (not provided)
8:00 to 11:00PM	Evening Social – Venue TBD
<u>Sunday August 14, 2022</u>	
8:00 to 9:00 AM	Breakfast (not provided)
9:00 to 9:20 AM	Morning Announcements / Icebreaker / OPSEU/SEFPO Young Worker of the Year Award Information
9:20 to 10:30 AM	Guest Speaker – 15 and fairness campaign
10:30 to 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 to 11:45 AM	Guest Speaker on Self-Care / Avoiding Activism Burnout
11:45 AM to 12:00 PM	Conference Wrap-Up, Evaluation, Traveling Song and Adjournment