

SOLIDARITYWORKS! 2007

YOUNG WORKER ACTION PROJECT

MAY 30 TO JUNE 3 & JUNE 4 TO JUNE 8
DAYS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE
30 Carlton Street - Toronto, Ontario M5B 2E9

Do you have members 30 years of age and under who need the opportunity to develop leadership skills?

Do you want to encourage young workers to become active in your union, local or labour council?

Do you want to start a youth committee within your labour council or union, but don't know how to begin?

Do you have ideas around coalition building within your community or union, but don't know where to start?

Do you have a great project you would love to do within the labour movement or the community, but don't know how to organize, mobilize and network?

It includes a hands-on training program that will focus on labour education and skills development. Participants will work with a union or community-based organization to practice those acquired tools.

CHECK THIS PROJECT OUT!

YOU MUST BE:

1. Committed to a worker-centered, anti-racist, feminist, gay-positive vision of social justice;
2. Committed to developing follow-up actions with the labour movement;
3. 30 years of age and under;
4. Available full-time from May 30 to June 3 & June 4 to June 8.

HOW TO APPLY?

- Please answer the questions on page 2 of the application form in the space provided or on a separate sheet of paper.
- Please include a resume or a list of your work or community experience.
- If you belong to a union, please contact your union to ask if it will sponsor you.

We strongly encourage young people from all equity-seeking groups to apply.

Your application must arrive by Friday, May 11, 2007.

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SolidarityWORKS! 2007 is taking on a new format!

Since 1999, *SolidarityWORKS!* has provided a forum that brings labour and community activists together with young workers (30 years of age and under) who receive hands-on training on labour issues such as workers rights, human rights, health and safety, education, organizing and mobilizing.

Typically, the 'training' portion takes place on the weekend. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of relevant workshops that include rights at work, health and safety and labour history. This year, we want to make the training portion of the programme available to as many young people as possible.

Following the 'training' portion, 20 of the participants will be given the opportunity to put their new skills into action during a five-day on-the-job placement with one labour or community-based organization. Those 20 people who are selected for this "training into action" portion will continue-on for the remainder of the week working with their designated organization. It is important to remember that only those who participate in the training are eligible for the five-day "training into action" portion of *SolidarityWORKS!*

SolidarityWORKS! Words into Action (Training)

6:00 pm, Wednesday, May 30 to 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 3.

Open to all young people with a commitment to labour and social justice.

\$150 registration fee (includes meals but does not include accommodation).

SolidarityWORKS! Training into Action (Placements)

Monday, June 4 to Friday, June 8.

Open to 20 young people selected to put training into action.

Additional \$50 registration fee (does not include meals or accommodation).

SolidarityWORKS! Accommodation

Hotel Rooms at the Days Hotel (30 Carlton Street) have been secured at a cost of:

- \$115 for single/double occupancy per night
- \$130 for triple occupancy per night
- \$145 for quadruple occupancy per night

Hotel rooms can be reserved until May 16 through WE Travel.

Visit: www.weTravel.net or call 1-888-676-7747

Eligibility

Members of equity seeking groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for *SolidarityWORKS! 2007* you must be:

- Sponsored by your local union, labour council, labour federation, students' union or community organization
- Committed to a worker-centered, anti-racist, feminist, lesbian, gay, transgendered, bisexual, queer-positive vision of social justice;
- Committed to developing follow-up actions within the labour movement and in your community;
- 30 years of age or younger;
- Available full-time from Wednesday evening, May 30 to Sunday evening, June 3; and

To participate in the placement you must:

- Have completed the educational portion of *SolidarityWORKS! 2007* programme and be available for a full-time, on-the-job placement from 9:00 am Monday, June 4 to 6:30 pm Friday, June 8.

Deadlines

All applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, May 11, 2007.

How to Apply

Fill out the application form, answer the questions on separate paper, and enclose a resumé or a list of your work or community experience. Make sure to submit your application before Friday, May 11, 2007.

APPLICATION FORM

Background Information

Name of Sponsoring Union/Organization:

Name of Contact Person from Sponsoring Union/Organization :

Applicant's Name:

Address:

Day-time Phone Number: Cellular Phone:.....

E-mail:.....

Union/Organization if different than sponsoring organization:

Age:..... Are you a member of any equity-seeking groups (optional)?.....

Do you have any special food requirements? Please list.

Do you have other special needs? Please list (child care, access issues).

Send application form and registration fee (where applicable) to:

SolidarityWORKS! 2007

c/o Ontario Federation of Labour, Education Department

15 Gervais Drive, Suite 202, North York, Ontario, M3C 1Y8

Fax: 416.441.0722

Cost:

Union Sponsored Participant

\$150 registration fee (includes meals but does not include accommodation) for Words into Action (Training).

Additional \$50 registration fee (does not include meals or accommodation) for Training into Action (Placements).

Unions are also asked to provide lost wages, travel expenses, child care costs and per diem in keeping with local policy.

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Community Sponsored Participant

Please contact Pam Frache at 416.443.7663 or 1.800.668.9138 or pfrache@ofl.ca for further details.

Skills & Experience

On a separate piece of paper or in the space provided, please answer the following questions:

1. What language(s) do you speak, read or write?
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2. Do you have an interest in becoming active in your local or organization in your community, and how would this help your ability to participate in this activism project?
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3. Does the labour movement have a role to play in achieving social and economic justice in society? Explain.
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4. What experiences in your life make you want to participate in **SolidarityWORKS!?**
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5. What skills, knowledge or experience do you hope to gain from **SolidarityWORKS!?**
How would you take what you've learned back to your community, campus or workplace?
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