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TO: Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Unit Chairpersons & National Executive Board Members

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## **Our future is worth the fight!**

**Young Workers Take Action**

**National Young Workers Conference**

**May 8-10 2020**

**Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin, Ontario**

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The times we live in are ripe with challenges and crisis. Economic inequality is growing, governments and employers across the country are undermining hard-fought workers' rights, our public services are starved for money to deliver important front-line services to our communities. In addition, the global insecurity caused by climate change is making many young people delay life plans and feel the pressure of these difficult times.

Young workers today are living through it all.

How can our generation be the one to affect change and improve the lives of working people across Canada and all over the world?

Young union members have most of our working lives ahead of us, and we're connected to working people across the country through our union. While it may be hard to see the hope in the world we live in, we must remember that we have the possibility of building our union, activating members around us, and overcoming barriers that seek to divide us. Our union can be our avenue to fight for a better future for everyone.

This conference will have a special focus on the following topics:

- The challenge of improving health and safety protections for workers struggling with mental health issues in the workplace.
- Why climate change is presenting an urgent public health crisis for our workplaces and communities.
- Fighting to defend workers' rights to ensure a fair, prosperous future for all working people in Canada.
- Organizing within and in solidarity with equity groups in our membership, including women, Indigenous workers and workers of colour, members of the LGBTQ community, and workers with disabilities.

The National Young Workers' conference will mix educational workshops with skill-building sessions. Young workers who participate will acquire important tools and resources to get active and make a difference in their workplace, in their union and in their community.

The conference is open to Unifor members who are 35 or younger.

Accommodation check-in is at 3:00 p.m. Conference check-in begins on Friday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m.. The conference will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and end at 12 noon on Sunday.

**DEADLINE: The registration deadline is April 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. ET.**

### **Conference Registration**

Registration for this conference will be **ONLINE**. Online login information has been sent to Local Presidents who will register delegates to the conference. For issues with registration or to have login information resent, Local Presidents should contact [registration@unifor.org](mailto:registration@unifor.org).

**FEE: The registration fee for this conference is \$60**

Please mail cheques payable to Unifor and send them to the following location with the attendees name(s) in the notes section:

National Young Workers Conference Registration  
Attn: Pedro Cristovao  
205 Placer Court  
Toronto, ON M2H 3H9

### **Reservations and Accommodations**

Reservations/Accommodations at the Unifor Family Education Centre will only be made upon receipt of the attached reservation form (including registration fee, room and meals, paid in advance by cheque, Visa, MasterCard or American Express).

Room and meal rates at the Unifor Family Education Centre are:

(Room rates include meals)

Single Occupancy	\$260 per night
Double Occupancy (sharing with another delegate)	\$185 per person per night
Delegate with Partner	\$310 per night
Young Adult, age 17	\$50 per person per night

Children, age 12-16  
Children, age 11 and under

\$25 per child per night  
No Charge

Cancellations must be made in writing 48 hours to the Family Education Centre prior to the conference. Failure to do so will result in billing for the first night's accommodation.

If you have any questions about accommodations, please call the Family Education Centre directly at 1-800-265-3735.

Deadline for on-site accommodation registration is **April 17, 2020**. Please forward the reservation form to the Front Desk via email at [confcentre@unifor.org](mailto:confcentre@unifor.org).

#### **Travel from and to Toronto Pearson Airport**

Grey Bruce Airbus arrangements can be made directly at 1-800-361-0393 or 1-519-389-4433 for delegates who need transportation from and to Pearson Airport.

#### **On-Site Child Care Available**

Free child care is available for children of eligible delegates during conference hours only. An eligible delegate is single parent, a parent not accompanied by a spouse/companion, or where both parents are delegates. **Delegates requiring child care must pre-register by April 17, 2020.** Child Care is for children up to and including age 12. If you have any questions about child care contact Laurie Wright at 1-519-389-3233

Please complete and return the attached Child Care Registration Form with your Family Education Centre Reservation Form by the deadline to reserve a space for your child/ren. If forms are not received by the child care registration deadline, a space will not be guaranteed as staff is hired based on number of children registered by the deadline.

Looking forward to a great conference.

In solidarity,



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