

World Social Forum August 9-14, 2016

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is proud to be part of the World Social Forum (WSF), one of the largest global gatherings of civil society.

CUPE is also at the WSF to share ways to protect and improve public services, most notably those related to water, energy, public transportation and health care.

CUPE is Canada's largest union, with over 639,000 members across the country.

We're looking forward to seeing you in great numbers!

August 9th

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Centre Saint-Pierre - 1212 Panet Street

Water Justice Day

Council of Canadians Canadian Union of Public Employees Public Service International (PSI)

August 10th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

McGill University - Leacock Building

Right to energy: a fundamental right

SOS Droit Énergie Richard Perreault – CUPE 1500 Pierre-Guy Sylvestre –CUPE

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

UQAM - Building DS (room DS-M560)

Electrification of transportation: jobs, efficiency and the environment

CUPE 957 Alain Querry Jean-François Tremblay

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

UQAM – Building DS (room DS-M280)

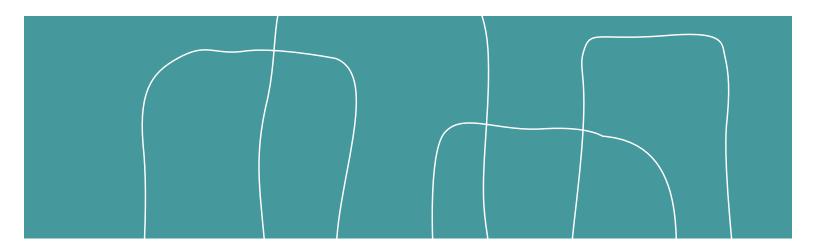
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION – French/English

What Quebec and Canadian workers are doing in the fight against climate change and toward energy democracy:

Workers are uniting around the world in the fight for democratic control over the power to drive the shift to a green energy economy. Find out what unions are doing to work with other movements to put public ownership on the agenda.

CUPE National Trade Unions for Energy Democracy (TUED)





August 11th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

UQAM – Building D (room D-R200)

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION - French/English

What is a Blue Community? Protecting Water against extraction, privatization, and embracing the right to water:

Join this interactive workshop and learn what you can do to help protect community water sources from increasing threats and pressure to put water up for sale. Hear from community leaders who have participated in making their communities blue.

CUPE National
Eau Secours
Council of Canadians

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

UQAM – Building DS (room DS-R520)

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION - French/English/Spanish

Building solidarity to promote and protect public water and sanitation services:

Globally, indigenous, marginalized and diverse communities are resisting private for-profit finance models for essential public water and sanitation services. Experience has shown that strong quality water and sanitation services that address the needs of all without discrimination are accountable to the people they serve, and are responsible toward watersheds.

CUPE National
Public Service Alliance of Canada

August 12th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

McGill University – Burnside Building (room 1B39)

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION – French/English

The impact of free trade on health care in Canada and abroad:

The year ahead will be a milestone for Canada's public health care system. The ratification of CETA and TPP will weaken it. The consequences of free trade on our health care system for workers, citizens and patients are explored in depth.

Conseil provincial des affaires sociales Jessica Olivier-Nault Mathieu Vick – CUPE

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

UQAM – Building PK (room PK-1780)

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION - French/English

Bargaining:

For the past several years, labour organizations have had to deal with our governments' austerity policies. This workshop will explain how and why our governments' legislative initiatives create inequities in labour relations. We will provide an update on how our union manages to raise popular awareness on the implications of these initiatives and the strategies we can use to counter the threats they represent.

Denis Bolduc – President of CUPE-Quebec Laurence Léa Fontaine – Professor at UQAM

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

UQAM – Building DS (room DS-M320)

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION - French/English

Happiness workshop II:

After the success of the Happiness workshop presented at the World People Summit, a group of young idealists is back to question the relationship between labour struggles and happiness – both of the individual and collective varieties. This workshop uses scientific concepts from positive psychology to try to bring meaning to our struggles using a wide non-corporate perspective.

CUPE 4628 Vincent Leclair