



# 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 9<sup>th</sup>

**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 10<sup>th</sup>

**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)

**CUPE**



## August 11<sup>th</sup>

**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

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**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 12<sup>th</sup>

**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

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**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

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**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