
THE ONTARIO COMMON FRONT **ANTI-POVERTY ASSEMBLY**

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Sisters and Brothers,

Ontario remains a wealthy province inflicted with the disease of poverty.

While the provincial economy grows modestly, there is still more that the provincial government can do through public investment and tax reform to get more Ontarians working and to build a fairer society.

Today, roughly 370,000 children live in poverty, including almost four in 10 children of single mothers. Amongst some racilized communities that rate climbs to one out of every two children.

The pervasiveness of poverty is much greater than many might imagine. Consider that every day, one in seven Ontario children go to school hungry; one million workers earn minimum wage; one in five Ontarians have received help from a food bank or charity; and nearly half of all residents in the GTA and Hamilton are working in precarious, part-time and insecure employment.

Meanwhile, Canada's highest paid CEOs make 171 the average Canadian income. It is a contrast that is staggering.

In its landmark 2012 Report, "Falling Behind," the Ontario Common Front made headlines across the country when it exposed Ontario's shameful track record on fairness and equity, when measured by any index. Ontario ranks behind every other province in funding for virtually every social program and the equality gap was growing at an alarming rate.

This year, the Ontario Common Front will be putting the focus squarely on poverty and your support is needed to help mobilize a broad and diverse movement to pressure the Ontario government to commit to meaningful and immediate action to end poverty in all of its forms.

We are calling on your to join us from **April 17 to 18** to draft, develop and launch a "Solidarity Against Inequality" campaign at a province-wide Anti-Poverty Assembly in Toronto.

With the support of the Ontario Federation of Labour and a coalition of community and labour groups, the objective of the Assembly is to bring together hundreds of activists to develop an action plan for a poverty-free Ontario. Together, we can make this Assembly substantial, inspirational and action-oriented.

Register now to be a part of making change!

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Join community activists, labour activists and anti-poverty organizers in developing an action plan to challenge inequality and end poverty.

Be a part of the more than 20 workshops hosted by our movement's best campaigners and social justice organizations.

Together, we can put poverty on the national and provincial agenda.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Any and all community or labour activists who are committed to building an inclusive movement to challenge inequality and end poverty. We invite activists from marginalized and racialized communities, equity-seeking groups and allies.

INFORMATION

For more information, contact:

Paulette Hazel (416) 443-7667 phazel@ofl.ca

REGISTER NOW!

Attendance is FREE, so register now at:

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- Take the Spadina Exit and head North to Bloor St.
- Turn right and head past St. George St.
- Turn left on Bedford Ave. and you are there!
- Parking available in the Green Lot on the East Side.

FROM HWY 401:

- Take the Don Valley Parkway (DVP) South to the Bayview Avenue/Bloor Street Exit.
- Keep left at the fork and follow the bend to Castle Frank and Bloor St. East.
- Turn right on Bloor Street and continue past Yonge St., Bay St. and University Ave.
- Turn right on Bedford Ave. and you are there!
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AGENDA

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| Friday, April 17, 2015 | 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm | Registration |
| | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm | Plenary/Speakers |
| Saturday, April 18, 2015 | 9:00 am – 6:00 pm | Plenary/Speakers/ Campaign Breakouts |

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: Participants are responsible for booking and payment of their own hotel rooms. To access a special rate, please contact: Intercontinental Toronto Yorkville, 220 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1T8, at 1-800-267-0010 or 416-324-5890, and identify that you are attending **"Ontario Common Front Anti-Poverty Assembly or Block Code: TD7"** to receive the room rate of \$179.00 taxes not included per room/night. This rate is based on their Superior room category – One King Bed or Two Queen Beds Guestrooms. The rate includes complimentary wired/wireless high-speed internet access. **Special rate available until March 30, 2015**

BILLETING: If you need billeted accommodations for this event, or if you have billeting space available to offer other participants, please contact Yvonne Kelly at yvonnescansenkelly@gmail.com or call 416-697-4208 (cell).

I understand there is no registration fee to attend the Assembly in order to ensure it is accessible for all, but I/my organization would like to make a financial contribution of \$_____ to support this important event (please make cheque payable to Ontario Federation of Labour, memo "Ontario Common Front", 202-15 Gervais Drive, Toronto, ON M3C 1Y8).

Please complete and return the Registration Form no later than **April 15, 2015** to Paulette Hazel, Ontario Federation of Labour, 202-15 Gervais Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1Y8, 416-443-7667 phazel@ofl.ca.

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