

**Activity Report**  
**NCR Young Workers Committee**  
**June 2012 to January 2013**

INTRODUCTION

We would like to begin by expressing our utmost gratitude to the PSAC, both Area Councils, all committees and to both regional offices who have continued to provide unparalleled support to young workers in the National Capital Region. Through this support, young workers are learning to navigate and becoming engaged within the structures of the Alliance and its components, they are being provided with incredible learning opportunities and are building the networks that will help tackle not only the challenges of today, but those of tomorrow. Thank you!

The end of 2012 has been quite the exciting period for our committee! It started in June with a Young Worker Social, which our PSAC National Vice-President, Chris Aylward attended, along with the UNE's National President, Doug Marshall and many more guests. Shortly after, our Secretary, Sandra Di Gnagbo was elected Member-at-large on the NCR executive council. In July came an incredible networking opportunity at the Canadian Labour Congress Summer School, where our Co-Chair Gabriel Bourdon participated in the CLC's first Summer School course specifically targeting young workers. This past summer also included the delivery of "Leading Union Renewal", a course developed by our region's education committee in consultation with members of our committee. It also marked the beginning of our implication with Powershift 2012, a national youth environmental conference which saw over 1000 young Canadians from across the country come together to learn and link. Our Co-Chair, André Poliquin, offered his translation expertise from July to October. The YWC also sat on the PowerShift organizing committee. The conference, which took place in October, was an incredible experience where André and Gabriel led a workshop, a panel and where Gabriel even had the opportunity to be Master of Ceremony at the keynote speaker event exposing our committee to over 1000 young people. PowerShift was a priceless networking opportunity. Our committee was also present at a few Ottawa and District Labour Council Young Worker meetings, every NCR

Executive Council meeting, the Labour Day parade, the Day of Action and the PSAC National Leadership Summit. Gabriel also participated in a couple of panels seeking to educate young workers on Unions, delivered to the Young Professionals Networks within Industry Canada, and is currently setting up a few more within the departments of Human Resources and Skills Development and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, as well as within the Treasury Board Secretariat. André was also actively involved with the Ontario Federation of Labour by attending their Workers Under 30 Committee meetings. He also attended and co-facilitated two workshops on issues relating to young workers at the OFL's Equity Before Austerity Conference in November. Currently, our committee is also helping the NDP riding associations in the NCR to organize an NDP Youth Summit this spring. The YWC also celebrated a year of existence this December by holding its AGM which saw the attendance of special guests REVP Larry Rousseau, and NDP MP for Gatineau, Francoise Boivin. During this meeting, a new Treasurer, Etienne Biram, was elected and Sophie Tremblay-Morrisette, our Communications Officer, and Gabriel were re-elected in their positions! The committee also supported the participation Sophie to the PSAC-NCR's first training session on the organisation of effective campaigns.

This past year has truly been an incredible experience for our committee and we look forward to another great year uniting young workers throughout the region and promoting the interests of the PSAC!