

Activity Report
NCR Young Workers' Committee
January 2013 to June 2013
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We would like to begin by expressing our utmost gratitude to the PSAC, the Area Council, all committees and the Regional Office who have continued to provide unparalleled encouragement to young workers in the National Capital Region. It is through this support that young workers learn to navigate and become engaged within the structures of the Alliance and its components. The young worker community is provided with incredible learning opportunities and is building the networks that will help tackle not only the challenges of today, but those of tomorrow. Thank you!

It has been a beginning to 2013 full of promise! Our committee has been active in an attempt to seek allies within the employer young professionals' networks (YPN) by holding union information sessions for their members. It has also demonstrated its commitment to develop initiatives geared to reach out to our less engaged membership base, regardless of age. We recently started working on a partnership with the regional Political Communications Officer in order to develop an educational video deemed to inform our membership on the battles ahead, namely the possible threat to the Rand Formula. We have also assigned Sandra DiGnagbo, the committee's secretary, as delegate to Ottawa Area Council (OAC). Our committee seeks to be involved with as many political actions as possible and I believe her delegation will allow us to better align our efforts to those of the OAC.

On the subject of Political Action, we also saw our committee become involved in the *We Are All Affected* campaign by having some of our members trained to participate in this mobilisation effort. The committee also saw 3 of its members attend the CLC National Political Action Conference last March, where the networking and learning was spectacular! Our Co-chair, Gabriel Bourdon, had the opportunity to attend the CLC's National Young Workers' Advisory Committee meeting on the Friday, which was followed by the youth caucus that afternoon. Powerful partners were found throughout the CLC membership to aid in future actions, although the fruits of our labour have yet to materialize. Also, the youth caucus that day saw over 70 young workers come together from all over the labour movement to learn from one another and to establish bonds. I feel confident in saying that our impact was felt at this conference and that great things are to come from our network, which grew that weekend.

Finally, we are currently in discussions with the Transport Canada Young Professionals' Network who is looking to organize a federal YPN-wide education night for young workers. Early talks suggest up to 300-400 participants could take part.

Most of our efforts in the first part of this year revolved around strengthening our committee through surveys and new approaches to engagement. We still see this item as a priority going forward and hope to report on significant progress in future reports. Please encourage young members within your workplaces to get involved!

Our committee looks forward to a great year end, continuing to unite young workers throughout the region and promoting the interests of workers and of the PSAC!