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Conference 2008
Friday, October 17 to Sunday, October 19

Using Research to Make Change for the Injured Worker Community

Steelworkers Hall
25 Cecil Street, Toronto

May 20, 2008

Dear Injured Workers, Workers' Compensation Activists, and Researchers

We invite you to attend the upcoming conference *Using Research to Make Change for the Injured Worker Community* sponsored by the Ontario Network of Injured Workers Groups. We are inviting activists from injured worker groups, labour unions, legal clinics, and researchers to join us for two and a half days of learning how to make research reflect the issues of community injured worker groups and how to use that research to move forward an agenda for change within the workers' compensation system.

Conference Description

We have an ambitious agenda for *Using Research to Make Change for the Injured Worker Community* and hope to accomplish a lot on this weekend. We aim to bring injured workers and activists together with researchers to:

- De-mystify research
- Encourage research on injured workers' issues
- Explore the ways in which research fits with political action
- Build support for our provincial network and promote communications across the province.

We are hoping to build on the successes of previous year's conferences. With that in mind, we are aiming to have a conference with an equal balance between injured workers and union/legal clinic/community activists and between Toronto participants and people from outside Toronto.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is \$250. This includes breakfast on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and lunch on Friday and Saturday. The fee will be waived for delegates from not-for-profit injured worker groups. We are also seeking assistance from our labour and community allies to sponsor injured workers to attend the conference. Please consider sponsoring an injured worker to participate.

We will likely have an organized get-together on Friday or Saturday night. We'll provide details later.

ONIWG AGM

ONIWG will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and business meeting on Thursday, October 16 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Out-of-town ONIWG members and associate members should plan on arriving in Toronto the evening before. The AGM will be held at 489 College Street (near Bathurst Street). More details will follow.

Accommodations

Two delegates from ONIWG member injured worker groups will be subsidized and accommodation will be booked centrally by ONIWG. (Please talk to Steve Mantis to confirm at 807.767.9633 or smantis@tbaytel.net.)

We have a reduced rate for hotel accommodations for other out-of-town participants. The Super 8 Hotel at 222 Spadina Avenue is setting aside 10 rooms at a conference rate of \$99/night. These rooms must be booked prior to 3 weeks before the conference. Conference participants are responsible for making their own reservations by calling toll-free 1.888.561.7666 (or 647.426.8118 in Toronto) and identifying themselves as attending the ONIWG Conference in order to get the reduced rate.

Please Respond

We hope you will join us. To register, please complete the attached registration form so we can get an early idea of the numbers of people attending. An agenda and more details will follow.

Yours truly,

Peter Page
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Judy Kondrat
Chair, ONIWG Conference Committee

REGISTRATION FORM

Using Research to Make Change for the Injured Worker Community

I want to register for *Using Research to Make Change for the Injured Worker Community* on October 17, 18 and 19, 2008.

Name: _____

Union: _____ Local: _____

Organization: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please let us know of any accommodations needed for disability:

We are offering a vegetarian alternative for all meals. Please check if required:

I would like to attend:

- The ONIWG AGM – October 16, 2008
- The ONIWG Conference – October 17 to 19, 2008
- I am a member of an ONIWG injured worker group and need subsidized travel and accommodation.

Please send your registration form with a cheque for \$250 (if applicable) to Judy Kondrat, IAVGO, 489 College Street, Toronto, ON M6G 1A5. IAVGO has graciously agreed to be the registrar and banker for the conference. Cheques should be payable to: Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario.

For more information contact Judy Kondrat at 416.924.6477 x 26 or toll free 1.877.230.6311; fax 416.924.2472 or email kondratj@lao.on.ca.