



March 10, 2016

To: Members of CLC Canadian Council and Presidents of Labour Councils

Greetings,

Re: *Rise Up!* Call for Conference Registrations

The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) is proud to be holding its second *Rise Up! Human Rights Conference* on the unceded Algonquin Anishinabek territory in Ottawa, Ontario, from **October 20 to 23, 2016**. This conference brings together some of the labour movement's most passionate and committed advocates of justice and equality.

The conference will be held at the Shaw Centre, 55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J2. **Registration desks open at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, and the conference opens at 7:00 p.m. with a welcome reception, keynote, and special unveiling of our first ever digital, interactive exhibit. The conference will wrap up at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23.**

*Rise Up!* will bring together Aboriginal workers, workers of colour, workers with disabilities, LGBT workers, women, and young workers to:

- Share organizing strategies that build and grow an inclusive movement;
- Develop and strengthen skills for political and membership engagement for organizing and mobilization;
- Develop a deeper understanding of priority human rights issues that strengthen the labour movement;
- Increase digital culture literacy and skills in order to maximize outreach to members and potential members in a changing environment; and
- Break down silos and expand networks from within and with non-traditional allies.

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*Rise Up!* is an experience that will empower human rights activists, union leadership, affiliate staff, and rank and file members to support and mobilize workers in our unions, workplaces, and communities across the country. We are calling on CLC affiliates, locals, federations of labour, and labour councils to ensure their delegations reflect the diversity of our movement, and to send members who identify with one or more equity-seeking groups.

This is an exciting time for all trade unionists. We have a new federal government, and it's time to start making positive advances for all workers in Canada. Unions are more diverse than they have ever been, and the *Rise Up!* experience will build a stronger movement that reflects and celebrates its diversity, works for inclusion and justice, and adapts to the changing nature of work.

The conference registration fee is \$350. The CLC is also pleased to offer a special rebate of \$75 for delegates registering for both *Rise Up!* and the [Young Workers' Summit](#).

Space will be limited and registration will close on October 20, 2016 or sooner if we reach the maximum number of paid delegates. Register early to avoid disappointment! Each delegate must register individually as our online process includes workshop selection, plus child care and accessibility requests.

**Register online at [www.riseup2016.ca](http://www.riseup2016.ca).** To ensure a spot for your delegate(s), please have them register as soon as possible. Payment must be received by October 20, 2016.

Child care will be available on site. Please register your child(ren) early so we can work with child care providers to ensure the best child care possible.

Registered participants with accessibility needs must identify their functional limitations during the registration process.

**Arrangements for child care and accessibility services for delegates with special needs must be made by 5:00 p.m. Pacific standard time on September 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Hotel Accommodations**

October 2016 is a very busy month in Ottawa. The CLC has arranged for conference guest room rates at the following hotels:

- [Les Suites Hotel](#) at \$189 per night (until September 16, 2016)
- [The Lord Elgin](#) at \$169 per night (until September 20, 2016)
- [Westin Ottawa](#) at \$225 per night (until September 28, 2016)

All rates are single/double occupancy, before taxes and municipal levies.

## **Airline Reservations**

Air Canada has been designated the official airline for the event; the booking code is: TZGAM421.

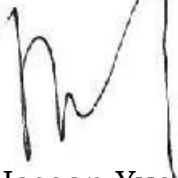
## **Make the Most of *Rise Up!***

To fully experience the digital aspects of this conference, participants are strongly encouraged to bring along laptops, tablets, or smartphones.

## **[Riseup2016.ca](#)**

Watch for the launch of the *Rise Up!* website and *Rise Up!* app on April 15<sup>th</sup> for more details about the conference as the planning unfolds.

In solidarity,



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President

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