

May 30, 2016

Dear Members:

The OPSEU Indigenous Circle invites you to submit your application for the 2016 Indigenous Conference! We welcome all members motivated by OPSEU's call for healing and reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

The Conference theme is *"Reconciling with Indigenous communities: OPSEU's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Report."* The goal is to inspire and educate OPSEU members to respond to the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Report. The Conference is being planned with the elders and youth of the Mohawk Nation of Akwesasne. Participants will be equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively network with Indigenous members within and beyond the Indigenous Circle on various projects and campaigns. We expect participants will be able to identify recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Report that connect to the work of OPSEU members and be inspired by traditional indigenous cultures to take action.

Event participants will be selected by the Indigenous Circle with assistance from the Equity Unit. The selection process seeks to achieve a diverse group of attendees, representative of Indigenous and other equity groups within our membership. Confirmation will be issued to the selected participants in early August.

Do not miss this opportunity to network, learn, share experiences *and* have some fun. Please submit your completed application by e-mail to [indigenousconference@opseu.org](mailto:indigenousconference@opseu.org) or fax to the Equity Unit **no later than midnight, July 15, 2016**. Please note that we will be using an anonymous selection process and will be applying the criteria as set out on pages 4 and 5 of this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

In solidarity,

OPSEU Indigenous Circle

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***“Reconciling with Indigenous communities: OPSEU’s Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Report”***

**Tentative Conference Agenda**

**Friday September 30, 2016**

- 6:00 to 7:00 PM Registration (dinner on your own)  
7:00 to 9:00 PM Traditional Mohawk Opening  
Performances by Inuit Throat Singers & Métis Fiddlers

**Saturday October 1, 2016**

- 8:00 to 9:00 AM Breakfast (provided)  
9:00 to 10:30 AM Keynote by Senator Murray Sinclair, followed by Q & A  
10:30 to 10:45 AM Break  
10:45 to 12:15 PM \*Workshop  
12:15 to 1:30 PM Lunch (provided)  
1:30 to 3:00 PM \*Workshop  
3:00 to 3:15 PM Break  
3:15 to 4:45 PM Panel/Open Forum with Residential School Survivors  
4:45 to 5:00 PM Break  
5:00 to 7:00 PM Dinner (provided)  
7:00 to 9:00 PM Social with Bear Fox and Akwesasne Women Singers  
8:30 to 8:45 PM Wrap-up of the day and adjourn

**Sunday October 2, 2016**

- 8:00 to 9:00 AM Breakfast (provided)  
9:00 to 10:30 AM \*Workshop  
10:30 to 10:45 AM Break  
10:45 to 11:00 AM Debriefing/Evaluation  
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Closing Ceremony  
12:00 to 1:00 PM Lunch

\*Workshops include Indigenous History, Restorative Justice and Human Rights

## APPLICATION FORM

(Please Print or Type)

**Applicant Number (to be assigned by Equity Unit):** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Personal Information</b>	<p><b>Local #:</b> _____ <b>Union #</b> _____</p> <p><b>Name:</b> _____  <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Last</span> <span style="margin-left: 150px;">First</span></p> <p><b>Home Address:</b> _____          _____</p> <p><b>Phone Numbers:</b> _____  <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Home</span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Other</span></p> <p><b>Email Address:</b> _____</p>
<b>Sector</b>	<p>_____ OPS    _____ BPS    _____ CAAT-A    _____ CAAT-S</p>
<b>Hotel</b>	<p><b>A block of rooms at the Nav Centre is reserved. As per policy, members must stay at the event hotel.</b></p> <p><b>More information about hotel reservations will be sent to successful applicants upon completion of the selection process.</b></p>

**NOTE:** Information regarding Advance, Time-Off, Human Rights Accommodation, Childcare Requests, Hotel Accommodation and Carpooling options will be sent to successful participants upon completion of the selection process.

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Spaces available for members attending the Conference will be divided among OPSEU's 7 regions. The selection committee will try to ensure that participants represent the diversity of identities and experience in OPSEU, based on the following considerations:

**1. Please indicate which of the following groups you identify with (please select all boxes that apply):**

- A racialized person** (a person who may experience differential treatment on the basis of race, ethnicity, language, religion or culture, e.g. a person whose heritage is Asian, African or Caribbean)
- A non-racialized person** (a person who does not experience differential treatment on the basis of race, ethnicity, language, religion or culture, e.g. a person who considers themselves to be white and/or European descended)
- Francophone** (a person whose first language is French, and who still speaks French)
- A person of Indigenous ancestry** Métis, Inuit and First Nations)
- If Indigenous**, you identify as \_\_\_\_\_ First Nations \_\_\_\_\_ Métis \_\_\_\_\_ Inuit
- A person with a disability** (a person with a disability based on a long term or recurring physical, mental, sensory, mental health/emotional disability or learning impairment)
- An able-bodied person** (a person without a physical/sensory, mental/emotional, or learning disability)
- Gay** (males with an orientation exclusively to males)
- Bisexual** (persons who have an orientation to more than one sex)
- Lesbian** (females with an orientation exclusively to females)
- Questioning** (persons who are unsure of their sexual orientation)
- Two Spirited** (a term specific to Aboriginal people)
- Gender Variant** (persons who are transgender and transsexual)
- Intersexed** (persons who are not easily classified as either biologically male or female)
- Heterosexual** (persons who have an orientation to the opposite sex)
- Male**
- Female**

**2. What is your age group?**

- 18-25    26-35    36-45    46-55    56-65    Over 65

**3. Are you active in OPSEU (e.g. elected to union position)?**

- No    Yes   What region are you from? \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Are you active in the community (e.g. Volunteer at a community agency or religious organization?)**

- No    Yes



**OPSEU Indigenous Conference  
Nav Centre, 1950 Montreal Road  
Cornwall (Ontario) M6H 6L2  
September 30--October 2, 2016**

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5. If you are active in OPSEU and/or the Indigenous community, please tell us what you do.

6. What does “Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous communities” mean to you?

7. In a few words, please tell us why you would like to attend this event.

(You may want to consider addressing how the conference relates to your union or community work.)