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TO: Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Unit Chairpersons, Women's Committee Chairpersons, Employment Equity Representatives, Women's Advocates, Atlantic Regional Council Women's Committee

UNIFOR REGIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2019

Women, Power and Political Action

The 2019 Unifor Regional Women's Conference will take place at the Hotel Halifax (1990 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS), commencing Friday, September 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. and concluding on Sunday, September 22 at 12:00 p.m. This is a bilingual conference and select workshops will have simultaneous interpretation.

Holding a conference for women from the Atlantic region will allow participants to come together, build skills, exchange knowledge, and strategize for the future with a focus on the region. We are confident participants will leave feeling inspired and energized to continue the important work you do in your workplace, your local and your community. Alternating regional and national women's conferences also meets the Regional Council Women's Committees' recommendation, which was endorsed by the National Executive Board. The next National Women's Conference will be in the fall of 2020 at the Unifor Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ontario.

Conference Registration

Registration for the conference is online only. To register your local participants please visit:
<https://form.jotform.com/UniforWomen/2019>

Deadline for registration is June 30, 2019. Participant emails are required for workshop registration. Closer to the conference, we will be sending out a follow up email to participants with an online form for workshop registration.

Conference registration fee:

Payment of \$60 is required per delegate for the conference materials. Cheques can be made payable to Unifor and sent to the following:

Unifor National Office
Attn: Rhonda Phipps, Women's Department
205 Placer Court
Toronto, ON M2H 3H9

Please send your cheques in advance of the conference clearly indicating the local union and the number of delegates attending to ensure that the required material is available to all participants.

Travel & Accommodations

Air Canada

Air Canada has offered savings to our delegates traveling by air. If you wish to take advantage of these savings, please contact Air Canada at 1-888-247-2262 (in Canada), TTY 1-800-361-8071 (hearing impaired), or online at www.aircanada.ca. In all cases, please quote promotional code: **GF92F2R1**

Hotel Halifax

Unifor has negotiated a special rate and reserved a block of rooms at the Hotel Halifax (1990 Barrington Street, Halifax NS B3J 1P2.) When making your reservation, please keep in mind that Unifor has to secure this space in advance and may be financially responsible if the block commitments are not met.

To book online, please visit: <http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=2471089&hotelID=108084>

If you would prefer to contact the hotel reservations department please call 1-833-357-8155 and provide the group block - **Unifor Atlantic Women's Conference. The room block closes on Thursday, August 22, 2019.**

Child Care

Child Care will be provided during the business hours of the Unifor Regional Women's Conference. Please complete the child care registration form included in this package and send it directly to our Unifor Family Education Child Care Centre via email to fecchildcare@unifor.org. Once your forms have been received, additional information will follow. **The child care registration deadline is June 30, 2019.**

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Laurie Wright (fecchildcare@unifor.org or 519.389.3233).

Check-In and Kit Distribution

Conference check-in and kit distribution is on Friday, September 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Hotel Halifax. The opening plenary begins at 7:00 p.m.

Accessibility

Unifor seeks to make all union meetings and events accessible and barrier free. If you require accommodation for human rights related needs, we invite you to provide us with your relevant information so that we can take all reasonable steps to address any barriers to your participation in your Union. Please email requests to women@unifor.org.

If you require additional information or have questions, please contact the Women's Department via email to women@unifor.org or toll free to 1-800-268-5763 extension 8485.

In solidarity,



LISA KELLY

Director, Women's Department

c.c. NEB, Leadership, Atlantic Regional National Representatives, Laurie Wright

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