

CHRIS BUCKLEY

PRESIDENT, ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOUR

Chris Buckley is the President of the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL), Canada's largest provincial labour federation. At the OFL's November 2015 biennial Convention, he was given a unanimous mandate to unite Ontario's labour movement around the shared goals of equality, good jobs, political influence and stronger labour rights.

A lifelong trade unionist and social justice advocate, Chris has dedicated himself to improving the lives of every worker in Ontario. He is the former President of Unifor Local 222 in Oshawa and chair of the GM Master Bargaining Committee, where he led negotiations with General Motors through four rounds of talks and spearheaded a 12-day blockade of the General Motors Canadian headquarters to stop the Oshawa truck plant closure and provoke the government to make 'Made in Canada' a principle of public policy.



Chris served as the co-chair of the campaign cabinet of the United Way of Durham Region for eight years. He was also a volunteer leader for the YWCA's 'One Man at a Time' campaign, aimed at ending violence against women. Chris was a NDP candidate in the 2011 federal election in the riding of Oshawa. He also previously organized and hosted a large-scale event for students in the Durham Region 'Our Youth, Our Future,' with the goal of building hope and optimism for a shared future. Chris has strong ties within the community, with the firm belief that through building strong relationships with allies we can better advocate for the change we want to see.

During his time as President of Local 222, Chris was a member of the CAW's rank-and-file national executive board, where he participated in the major decisions of the union. Chris was also a member of the committee tasked with overseeing the formation of Unifor and played a pivotal role in the transition to the new union.

As President of the OFL, Chris is reaching out to every union in the province to join Ontario's house of labour and mobilize with our community partners in the Ontario Common Front to defend public services, reverse rising inequality and ensure that every job is a pathway out of poverty.

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