

## Workshops: logistics, advice and information

- Workshops will be 90 to 180 minutes each.
- Simultaneous translation is available in the bigger halls and the larger meetings.
- Workshops are delivered in the organizers' language.
- No registration is necessary to participate in workshops or meetings. Participants are free to go from one place to another.
- Buses to Ottawa from many regions and communities will be coordinated by the OFL, Labour Councils and unions.
- For the participants: it is important to make a second and third choice of workshops since they are sometimes cancelled without notice.

## Registration to the Forum

Registration is open for the Opening March, workshops, and all other special events. Please register at [www.peoplesocialforum.org](http://www.peoplesocialforum.org).

- Various registration rates (individual, youth, joint and group) are available and registration fees vary according to the level chosen.
- The registration fee grants access to the entire Forum.



## Accommodation

### Hotels

#### The Westin Ottawa

11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9H4

- Single Room and Double Room: \$ 123 per night.
- Triple Room: \$ 128 per night.
- Quadruple Room: \$ 133 per night.

To book, call **1-800-WESTIN1**. Please mention that you are part of the Peoples Social Forum group reservation.

**Deadline for reservations: July 20th 2014.**

### Lodging at University of Ottawa residences

- Single room (Kitchen and bathroom on the floor) \$ 35 per night.
- Double room with two single beds (Kitchen and bathroom on the floor) \$ 70 per night.
- Two-bedroom suite, based on double occupancy (a double bed in each room, private kitchen and bathroom) \$99 per night.
- Reservations directly with the University on first come, first served basis.

Reservations payable by individuals are to be received at least 45 days prior to the arrival date by either calling **613-564-5400 '0'** or toll free at **1-888-564-4545 '0'**, or by sending an email to [reserve@uOttawa.ca](mailto:reserve@uOttawa.ca).

Credit card information to confirm each individual booking will be required at the time of reservation; however, no charges will be made until the guests' arrival, when full payment will be requested.

# Peoples' Social Forum

**AUGUST 21-24, 2014  
OTTAWA**

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOUR

**THE PEOPLES' SOCIAL FORUM** is intended as a space for social movements to meet and converge for the free expression of alternative ideas, grassroots exchanges and artistic expressions reflecting a diversity of demands and aspirations. It seeks to stimulate practical involvement and the development of networked action strategies. Its objective is to foster the convergence of struggles and to build a broad strategic alliance against neo-liberal and neo-conservative policies in Canada.

### **Objectives of the Peoples' Social Forum**

As an inclusive space for activist grassroots debate, the PSF intends to:

- Foster constructive and mobilizing societal debate across the country;
- Recognize and honour the territories and the rights of the Original Peoples whose territories we reside on and where the PSF takes place;
- Act in solidarity with Original Peoples through rejecting the racist Doctrine of Discovery and the Terra Nullius;
- Prompt individual and collective grassroots participation;
- Share, promote and circulate alternative initiatives and projects;
- Stimulate the emergence of concrete actions and the convergence of struggles against neo-conservatism and neo-liberalism;
- Promote sustainable development across Canada in a spirit of solidarity, justice, equality and harmony.

### **OFL Campaign**

The Peoples' Social Forum is an opportunity for members of the labour movement to build and reinforce solidarity with activists fighting against right-wing policies.

By doing so, their actions fit in with the OFL's and the Ontario Common Front's objectives to:

- Bring together labour and community organizations across Ontario that are working to expose growing inequality and propose workable solutions;
- Respond to the right-wing attacks and participate in elections to defeat the neoliberal agenda.

**Build together,  
win together!  
The Future is Ours!**

## **Workshops**

Plan to attend the Ontario Federation of Labour's and the Ontario Common Front's workshops:

### **Mobilizing to Stop Harper in 2015**

Organized by the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) and Fédération des travailleurs et des travailleuses du Québec (FTQ)

The labour movement is preparing to mobilize on an unprecedented scale to defeat the Conservatives and their right-wing agenda in 2015. Building on the success of the Stop Hudak campaign in Ontario, this workshop will propose a bold strategy for smart voting and mobilizing in communities across the country from now until the next federal election. Join us at this important workshop to learn more!

### **We Stopped Hudak, Harper is Next How to strengthen community-labour coalitions & mobilize successfully for political change.**

Organized by the Ontario Common Front

The Ontario Common Front (OCF) is a coalition of over 90 community groups and unions that opposes austerity and inequality, and helped to defeat Hudak's anti-union election campaign in Ontario. This workshop will build on the OCF's experiences to explore what makes community-labour coalitions strong and effective. It will be useful for activists across the country hoping to stop Harper in 2015.

**Times and locations of these workshops to be announced.  
Watch [www.ofl.ca](http://www.ofl.ca) and [www.peoplesocialforum.org](http://www.peoplesocialforum.org)**

### **Workshop Themes**

Here are the themes adopted by Peoples' Social Forum (PSF). The themes are the result of a public consultation that took place between November and December 2013.

The results of the consultation were discussed within all bodies of the PSF structure to ensure maximum input.

1. **Climate:** *justice - responsibility - action*
2. **Communication:** *media - language - arts*
3. **Community:** *race - access - place*
4. **Control:** *criminalization - surveillance - prisons*
5. **Earth:** *land - air - water*
6. **Food:** *sovereignty - access - production*
7. **Gender:** *sexuality - patriarchy - socialization*
8. **Governance & Democracy:** *representation - organization - decolonization*
9. **Impoverishment:** *austerity - cuts - privatization*
10. **International:** *solidarity - peace - justice*
11. **Knowledge:** *education - access - alternatives*
12. **Migration:** *mobility - borders - displacement*
13. **Movements:** *intersectionality - alliances - solidarity*
14. **Public services:** *quality - universality - access*
15. **Spirit:** *ceremony - traditions - identity*
16. **Work:** *precarity - deindustrialization - scarcity*

### **Schedule**

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**

Workshops: 9-12:30 pm • Keynote: 1-2 pm  
Opening March from Victoria Island to Parliament Hill: 3-6 pm

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 22**

Workshops: 9-6:30 pm

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 23:**

Assemblies: 9-7 pm • Pow-wow: 12-6 pm

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

Final Assembly: 9-12 pm • Parade: 1 pm