

# 2025 Organizing for Power

Assembly



**September 26, 27 & 28** 

Toronto Metropolitan University Students' Centre | 55 Gould Street | Register: bit.ly/J4W2025form

Join us for a weekend conference, where we will share strategies, build skills and make new friends as we strengthen our justice for workers movement. The program begins with a kenote panel on Friday evening, then runs all day Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm on Sunday. Whether you are new to the movement or an experienced organizer, we'll have lots to share and learn.

# OPENING PANEL | Friday, Sept 26 | Doors open 6:30 pm

Building grassroots resistance: Lessons from Trump's America



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# Saturday, September 27

8:30 am to 9:00 am

Breakfast & Registration

9:15 am to 9:45 am Welcome & overview of the day

9:45 am to 11:15 am

Creating conditions for courage in a frightening world

11:15 am

**BREAK (15 minutes)** 

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

### Choose from:

- Bill C-2, border security, and increased military spending: At what cost?
- Divide, conquer, privatize: how corporations are working with the Ontario government to put profits over our communities
- Building our base: from community to the workplace

1:00 pm

LUNCH

2:00 pm

Stop Wage Theft! Campaign launch

2:45 pm

**BREAK (15 minutes)** 

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

# **Choose from:**

- Myth-busting anti-immigrant rhetoric, from housing to jobs & from health care to education
- Ontario's new labour laws and how they are NOT working for workers
- Stop Wage Theft: Train the trainer workshop
- Organizing your community or workplace: tools to start from scratch and get organizing!

4:30 pm

**BREAK (15 minutes)** 

# Saturday, September 27 Continued ...

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

## **Choose from:**

- Building community power to resist attacks on undocumented workers
- From airline workers to truck drivers: How federal workers are taking on wage theft, precarious work and fighting for decent labour standards
- Stop Wage Theft: Train the trainer workshop
- Fighting for Decent Work: Building capacity & getting started in your community or workplace

6:00 pm

**RECESS FOR THE DAY** 

# Sunday, September 28

10:00 to 10:30 am **Breakfast & registration** 

10:30 am to 11:00 am

Welcome & overview of the day

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

### **Choose from:**

- Organizing for power means building a multi-racial movement
- Employment Insurance: How can we make it work?
- We keep each other safe: Marshalling, communication & de-escalation strategies.

12:30 pm

**BREAK & GRAB YOUR LUNCH!** 

12:45 pm

Closing plenary: What could we win together?

1:30 pm

THAT'S A WRAP!











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