

The FIQ reacts to a study lead by the CIRANO group

Lina Bonamie, President of the Federation, has granted several interviews to the media since the publication of a study on the Quebec nursing shortage. She re-asserted that this study did not reveal anything new because it is already known that Quebec is not the province where nurses have the highest salaries. It is also in Quebec where employers offer the lowest number of full time positions, even if the FIQ has been asking for these positions for a very long time. In addition,

the president stated that she does not believe that a salary increase alone can resolve this shortage. Rather, the conditions for practicing the profession need to be improved by rethinking organization of work, in particular for nursing assistants. Furthermore, she reminded the media that 2800 nurses graduate in Quebec each year, while 3200 quit the workplace, a trend that is likely to increase with the departure of the baby-boomers for retirement. The number of full time positions must be increased to fill this gap.



Gathering of solidarity with Palestinian women



The *Fédération des femmes du Québec* and the AQOCI are calling on all women, of all nationalities, religious denominations, political allegiances, language, colour, age, sexual orientation, economic status, etc. to come demonstrate on Thursday, January 22 from 12h00 to 13h00 in front of the Complexe Guy-Favreau, at the corner of René-Lévesque Blvd and Jeanne-Mance.

- To contest against the lethal aggression of the Israeli army against the people of Gaza over the last 23 days, that the women and children have had to bear this considerable burden.
- To demonstrate our solidarity with the Palestinian women whose daily life has become a real hell under the Israeli blockade which, for nearly two years, has been slowly killing them and preventing them from meeting the needs of their families.
- To support the courage of Israeli women who are demonstrating their opposition to their government's decisions and numerous Jewish women around the world who are confirming that this massacre is not happening "in their name".
- To demand a lasting and respected cease-fire by both the Israeli and Hamas military.

Women are invited to come, **dressed in black**, as a reminder of the call launched on December 31 by the group Women in Black, created in 1988 by Israeli women, and gathering many women's organizations from several countries to work for the promotion of peace and dialogue.

For more information:

Fédération des femmes du Québec www.ffq.qc.ca or 514-876-0166.

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