



Still together, for public services

On May 14, a vast operation of symbolic picketing in the colours of the Common Front was held in front of numerous public institutions in Québec, to demand a mediation that will bring about solutions for health and education. The care professionals throughout Québec answered the call and came out in great numbers to demand quick negotiations of the

collective agreements since the decree imposed in 2005 ended almost two months ago. The important media coverage of this symbolic picketing indicates the mobilization and determination of the nursing and cardio-respiratory professionals to obtain better recognition of the work they selflessly do every day.

Photos : CSSS Richelieu-Yamaska – Hôpital Honoré-Mercier (top), CSSS de Chicoutimi (bottom).



Rally in front of the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital

A rally was organized in front of the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital by the local union of the CSSS La Pommeraie to denounce the existing working conditions in the institution. The workers who took part in the rally also denounced the employer's propensity to use private healthcare employment agencies to manage the labour shortage, something that has become common practice in the area. They denounced the exorbitant amounts of money paid to the private sector by the employer in 2008-2009, and which adds up to more than half a million dollars.



Online Actions



Demonstration of solidarity for a nurse

At another rally held in front of the CHSLD Chanoine-Audet, the FIQ and the *Syndicat des professionnelles en soins de Québec* (SPSQ) demanded that the disciplinary letter that a nurse working in the institution received, be immediately withdrawn. This nurse refused, because of professional concerns, to work overtime and to care for 48 patients alone while a minimum of two nurses are needed to carry out this task in complete

safety. In addition to ignoring the safety of the patients, the employer is avoiding his duty to offer decent working conditions and the right to provide care in dignity to his employees. Outraged by this contemptuous attitude towards them, the nursing and cardio-respiratory care professionals boisterously demonstrated their anger at this rally in front of the long-term care hospital.

Declaration of the Coalition No democracy without rights!

Since it came into power, the Harper government has not stopped attacking democratic institutions and the organizations that defend human rights and freedoms to silence any dissenting or critical voice of their right-wing orientations. The organizations which do not subscribe to the Conservative government's policies or who work to advocate for and defend human rights, like Kairos see the renewal of their funding or mandate rejected.

In order to create a popular opposition movement to the government's anti-democratic practices and denounce this pernicious attack on democracy and freedom of expression, a declaration signed by several organizations, including the FIQ, the *Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale* (AQOCI), the League for Human Rights and Freedoms, Amnesty International and the *Centre international de solidarité ouvrière* (CISO) has been published.

Read the declaration and see the summary from the April 9 forum (in French).



Calendar - Mobilization

May

Black Wednesdays

Wear a black T-shirt on Wednesdays

Wear the wristband, the armband and jeans

Wear a transfer in the style of a temporary tattoo

Concealment of the ID badge

Send bereavement cards to the institutions administrations and the Boards of Directors, regional health and social services agencies

Meeting with the employers in order to inform them of the management offers and to find out if these correspond to their demands