

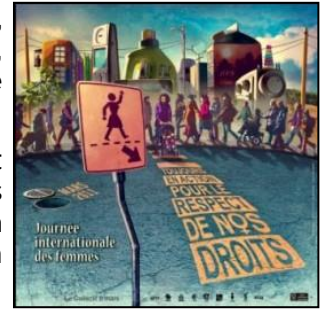
International Women's Day March 8, 2011

“Continuing to demand respect for our rights”

In the follow-up to the 2010 World March of Women, the women's movement, still in action and mobilized, is pursuing its struggle for the common good and the respect of women's rights.

This year, the theme for March 8 brings to mind a right wing ripple, a stark political context which is expressed with numerous attacks on the public health system, education, women's rights, to name only a few.

To come... Keep an eye on the Federation web site to get more details on the tools and activities connected with March 8th.



Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics

Demonstration March 12 at 13:00 p.m.

The member organizations of the *Alliance sociale* and the *Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics*, of which the FIQ is a member, will be in the streets on March 12 to demand that the government



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FIQ participation at parliamentary commissions

Commission on public finances

The Federation will be heard on February 3 at the public hearings on Bill 130 concerning the integration of the activities of the Essential Services Council into the *Commission des relations du travail*. The FIQ will also declare its position on the future of the Pay Equity Commission through a coalition composed of community and women's groups on February 2.

Commission on relations with the public

On February 2, an inter-union group, of which the FIQ is a member, will attend the public hearings on the document entitled "*Pour que l'égalité de droit devienne une égalité de fait - Vers un deuxième plan d'action gouvernemental pour l'égalité entre les femmes et les hommes*".

The briefs will be put on the Federation web site following these public hearings.

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2011 internship in Columbia

From February 8 to 19, two participants from the FIQ will join the group of interns formed by the *Centre international de solidarité ouvrière* (CISO) for a tour of Columbian unionists in the public and private sector of Medellín. Jérôme Rousseau, President of the *Syndicat interprofessionnel de l'Institut universitaire de cardiologie et pneumologie de Québec* (IUCPQ) and Karine Crépeau, Union Consultant for international solidarity at the Federation, will have the opportunity to discuss the very troublesome situation of the rights of Columbia's workers. In addition to understanding the impacts of the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Columbia, it is also a question of getting a better comprehension of the state of fundamental and union rights of the Columbians and their families.

Haïti earthquake

The FIQ remembers one year later

Régine Laurent, President of the Federation, signs the postscript for the book, *Haïti: Pour ne pas oublier / Pou nou pa blye*". The publication of this work, dealing with the humanitarian commitment of nurse Marie-Claude Élie in Haïti, is to notably collect funds which will be sent to five NGOs involved in Haïti.

A video has also been produced in which Madam Laurent appears.

See the video on the Federation web site.

Visit the Facebook page "Haïti: Pour ne pas oublier / Pou nou pa blye".



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