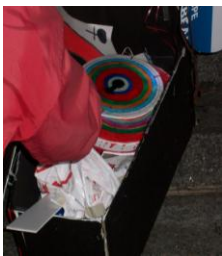


Women no longer want to be targets

A number of events were organized on December 6 throughout Quebec to mark the sad anniversary of the Polytechnique tragedy. Several women gathered in front of the Saint-Roch church in the Capitale-Nationale to commemorate the death of the 14 young women who perished when their aggressor fired on them and to denounce the destruction of the arms registry by the Harper government.



“Getting rid of the registry, is getting rid of women’s safety” - Le comité Ensemble contre la violence faite aux femmes

FIQ priority actions for 2012



The delegates of the Federation at its last Federal Council at the end of November adopted the organization’s priority actions for 2012. These actions will make more concrete the broad orientations the FIQ gave itself at the June Convention. In addition to pursuing the fight against the privatization of healthcare services that we have led for several years, the Federation will work on developing new models and will propose new solutions to the problems in the health network. The new models will be developed in collaboration with the unions and the members to counterbalance the inappropriate proposals from the Right-Wing, the government and the employers. In particular, the strengthening of the public network, the protection of the quality of care and the improvement of working and living conditions of our members will be at the heart of the Federation’s concerns in the development of these models.

Go to the FIQ website to read the press release.

Take note!

You can obtain a copy of the planner from your local union team!

The FIQ will be 25 years old



history on December 2, 2012 with the theme “Proud & committed. To your health! The Federation represented 36,000 nurses when it was created and now 24 years later, strong with a team of 60,000 nursing and cardio-respiratory healthcare professionals, it is an organization more determined than ever and it is driven by the same values of justice, solidarity and equity.

Remember that it was December 2, 1987 that three federations of nurses decided to unite their strength into one labour organization, the *Fédération des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec* (FIQ). Those three federations were: the Federation of United Nurses (FUN), the *Fédération québécoise des infirmières et infirmiers* (FQII) and the *Fédération des syndicats professionnels d’infirmières et d’infirmiers du Québec* (FSPIIQ).

It was in December 2006, following the passing of Bill 30, which forced the merger of union certifications, that the FIQ changed its name to the *Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec* - FIQ.

Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement

A public debate now!



The Réseau québécois sur l’intégration continentale (RQIC) (Quebec Network on Continental Integration), in which the FIQ takes part, delivered a five-meter high Trojan Horse to the National Assembly on December 8 in order to demand that the Charest government reveal what the agreement is hiding and to set up a mechanism to allow for a broad public debate to take place in

Quebec. This gathering took place where Pierre Marc Johnson, chief negotiator for Quebec for the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) was giving a statement.



Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ and Pierre-Yves Serinet, Coordinator for the RQIC



The public has the right to know the ins and outs of the CETA. The fact that Pierre Marc Johnson only offered two meagre statements since the start of the negotiations in 2009 is a veritable denial of democracy, and that can no longer go on.

The RQIC is asking the Quebec people to demand a public debate by signing the online petition on the National Assembly website at <http://tinyurl.com/petitionaecg>.

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The FIQ Express is on break for the holiday season

The next issue will appear on January, 11 2012

Happy holidays and until next year!