

## February 16, 2012: Block the World Trade Centre!



On February 16, the *Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics*, which includes the FIQ, is organizing a large demonstration in order to denounce the government's increasing use of taxation, privatization and user fees for public services, which reduces accessibility to these essential services, while impoverishing those people already in a situation of poverty. With this blockade of the World Trade Centre, where the offices of the Minister of Finance and the *Conseil du trésor* are located, the Coalition hopes to adopt a stance on three very specific lines of action: NO to an increase in Hydro-Québec rates, NO to an increase in tuition fees, NO to the "health tax".

The public is invited to come to Victoria Square at 08:00 a.m. on February 16 to express their anger and their indignation!

Go to the following website for more information: <http://le1602onbloque.com/>

## Death of 18 elderly people

### The FIQ denounces the incompetence of Minister Bolduc

In light of the report written by the Ombudsperson, the *Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec - FIQ* believes that the unjustified swift action of the Ministry of Health and Social Services which led to the transfer of 60 users in December 2010 from the *Hôpital Pierre-Le Gardeur* to the *Centre multivocationnel Claude-David* in less than ten working days, has seemingly played a significant role in the death of 18 elderly people who were in stable condition before they were transferred.

Go to the Federation website to read the press release.



## Youth Network bulletin

The FIQ Youth Network bulletin, in conjunction with the last Youth Network held November 16 and 17, 2011, is now online on the Federation's website!

## Creation of a crisis committee at Hôpital de Saint-Jérôme

### The nurses are fed up!

For some time now, the healthcare professionals, completely at the end of their rope, have been worried about the safety of care, as they are often forced to work compulsory overtime. The work overload, the burnout of the staff and the climate of terror established by the employer has done nothing to help the situation.

The call for help launched by the healthcare professionals caused an immediate reaction from the president of the Federation, Régine Laurent, who contacted the Minister of Health and Social Services on Friday evening to inform him of the situation. Following a meeting held Saturday afternoon between the *Agence de la santé et des services sociaux des Laurentides*, the administration of the *Hôpital de Saint-Jérôme* and the union party, a crisis committee was created. Through this committee, composed of management and union counterparts, the Federation hopes to identify quick and permanent solutions. A file that the Federation will follow closely...

## Federal OHS Committee editorial



Go to the Federation website on the Federal OHS Committee page in order to read the latest editorial on the services offered by the FIQ to its members in OHS matters.

Discover the unknown services offered by the OHS team. A must read!