

The Lanaudière TRAC wants to tackle the private sector in the region

On October 24, Marie-Claude Ouellet, Secretary on the FIQ Executive Committee, visited the Lanaudière region to participate in the launching of the awareness-raising campaign organized by the Regional Action and Consensus-Building Table-Lanaudière (Trac-L) on the privatization of the health-care network in the region.

The Trac-L is composed of representatives from the *Syndicat des professionnelles en soins de santé du Nord de Lanaudière* (SPSSNL) and the *Syndicat interprofessionnel de la santé de Lanaudière Sud* (SILS), affiliated with the FIQ, and representatives from the Federation. Created in 2005 by the FIQ Federal Council, the mandate of the TRACs is to develop regional solidarity, perform political education, increase public mobilization and make the necessary representations with the regional bodies.

For more information on the Trac-L: www.traclanaudiere.webs.com.



From left to right: Stéphane Gagnon, President of SPSSNL, Marie-Claude Ouellet, Secretary FIQ Executive Committee, and Line Bouchard, President of SILS.
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International Day for the Elimination of Poverty



From left to right: Alexa Conradi, President of the *Fédération des femmes du Québec* (FFQ), Michèle Audet, President of the Native Women's Association of Canada (AFAC), Joan Tremblay, President of the *Collectif* and people living in poverty, Serge Petitclerc, spokesperson for the *Collectif pour un Québec sans pauvreté*, Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, and Martine Desjardins, President of the *Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec* (FEUQ).

On October 17, International Day for the Elimination of Poverty, the *Collectif pour un Québec sans pauvreté*, which the FIQ is part of, invited the government and all of Québec society to write a new page in its history, to make Québec an egalitarian society, without poverty or prejudice. Régine Laurent reiterated the importance of being proactive by adopting a preventive approach.

Read the release on the FIQ website under the tab "Salle de presse".

Notice to respiratory therapists

The *Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec* (OPIQ) is now recognized by *Revenu Québec* as a teaching institution. Thus, members can benefit from a tax credit for training sessions taken on the OPIQ Campus. The Order's certification number will be written on the receipt.

Source: www.opiq.qc.ca

25 years is something to celebrate!

Did you know that the FIQ was founded in 1987 and that today it has more than 62,000 members in its ranks, in 60 unions and working in 152 public health-care institutions in Québec? It is the labour organization representing the majority of healthcare professionals in Québec.

On December 2, the FIQ will celebrate its 25 years of existence. The Federal Council which will take place at the *Centre de congrès et d'expositions de Lévis* on December 4, 5 and 6, 2012, is a date not to be missed for the union reps. Surprises and special activities are on the menu!



The President's Blog

"Draft bill C-377 or political diversion tactics"

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