

The nurses, a history of commitment



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Three episodes on the evolution of nurses' work will be broadcast on the *Historia* channel. *Témoignages d'infirmières et d'historiennes*, archive footage, retraces the history of nurses in Québec. A timely documentary series that updates the value of the healthcare professionals, their skills, and the role that they play in society. Don't miss the first episode on Monday, February 17 on the *Historia* channel.

To find out more: <http://www.historiatv.com/emissions/l-histoire-des-infirmieres-1.48832?episode=1392685200>

International Women's Day and work-family balance

In 2014, the mobilization for March 8 will be under the theme "Keys within everyone's reach". For the unions, it is the balance of family, social and professional responsibilities which all women face that represents one of the ke

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men because everyone has an interest in the balance of women's everyday routine being reached. Watch for the arrival of the fabulous March 8 poster, pin and pamphlet in your institutions so that you can show your colours as a woman that day!



To see the March 8 tools and items: <http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/fr/contents/pages/journee-internationale-des-femmes-2014.html>

Mental health and homelessness

Following the recent death, after an altercation with the police in downtown Montréal, of Alain Magloire who suffered mental health problems, the FIQ thought it was a good idea to remind everyone that access to front-line services must be improved, a real coordination of front, second and third-line services with community and accommodation services must exist, sufficient funding must be provided and the stigmatization and taboo attached to mental illness must be fought. Without this, other tragedies will occur, because of a lack of structures to assist these people and a lack of training for the police who have to interact with this type of person.

Government's economic policy: when priority rhymes with growth!

Régine Laurent met the Minister of Finance, Nicolas Marceau during the 2014-2015 pre-budget consultations on February 4. She brought up the emphasis put on growth and consequently on the private and financial operators. Also reminding her of the budget restrictions imposed mainly in the social sphere, particularly the 140 million in the health and social services network, and the government's stubbornness in maintaining the principle of "user pays" for essential services such as health care, electricity, education, hospital stays or daycare services, Régine Laurent insisted on the necessity of creating and maintaining quality jobs for the healthcare professionals. Because treatment is a real gauge of collective wealth!

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