

For equality and against austerity!

Where are Quebecers, in 2014, when many say that equality has been attained? Why are Québec women the first ones affected by Minister Barrette’s Bill 10? How to find a balance and maintain it on a daily basis in this Liberal economic turmoil? When will equality happen? The participants at the Women’s Network, held on October 30 and 31, tried to answer all those questions, and many others. A key meeting that dozens of activists did not want to miss!



The austerity is a horror story!



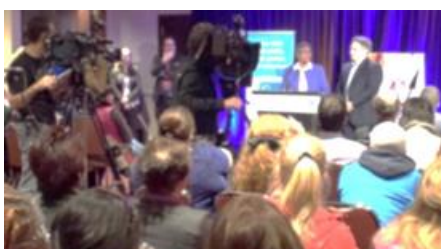
On Halloween, October 31, the *Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics* invited the population to come demonstrate against the carnage perpetrated by the Liberals. So, it was under the theme “*L’austérité est une histoire d’horreur! Le 31 octobre, on manifeste contre le massacre*” that thousands of people, many of whom were in costume, flooded the streets of Montréal.

More than 85 labour, feminist, community, student and grassroots organizations, including the FIQ, gathered with the Coalition and took it upon themselves to denounce the repeated attacks on public services and social programmes by the government.

The FIQ and the FAE table their economic demands



As part of the negotiations in the public sector, the *Fédération autonome de l’enseignement* (FAE) and the *Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec - FIQ* alliance filed their economic demands with the *Conseil du trésor*, on Tuesday, October 28, in Quebec City. Joined by more than 200 activists, the representatives of the alliance first went to the offices of the *Conseil du trésor*. Then, the president of the FAE, Sylvain Mallette, and the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, held a press briefing at the Le Concorde Hotel to present their demands.



Cutbacks at the CSSS Haut-Richelieu-Rouville: 8,000 signatures submitted at the National Assembly



On October 28, representatives from the *Syndicat des professionnelles de la santé Haut-Richelieu-Rouville* (SPSHRR) and the *Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec - FIQ* spoke out during a press briefing held at the National Assembly to underline the filing of 8,000 signatures collected on the petition to denounce the massive cutbacks in their institution.

“If we were able to get 8,000 signatures in two months, it is because the citizens are truly afraid, with reason, of seeing their access to care and services radically reduced”, stated Line Larocque, Vice-President of the FIQ.

Mr. Dave Turcotte, MNA from St-Jean, tabled the petitions in the National Assembly in the name of the SPSHRR and the FIQ.

The Coalition CHUs sans PPP



“The CHUM must not be a business opportunity”

demonstrated on October 28 in front of the Montréal Convention Centre

to denounce the holding of a conference presenting the CHUM as a PPP as a great business opportunity for the Montréal Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. It is the Coalition’s opinion that this shows that this project is derived from privatization while the government continues to cut services to the population.

Representatives from the FIQ were present alongside the other organizations.