

Global Nurses United (GNU) Convention



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Global Nurses United held its Convention in Dublin from September 21 to 23. Bringing together the delegates from about fifteen countries across the world, it was an opportunity to pool the experiences of each one on several subjects, namely the implementation of healthcare professional-to-patient ratios which is a priority for the FIQ and several unions across the globe. Other subjects were also discussed, including the work of nurses in conflict zones, the violence against the healthcare professionals, the impacts of international trade agreements, infectious diseases and climate change. The president of the Federation, Régine Laurent, also moderated a panel on the impacts of austerity measures and the privatization of health care.

The President's blog



Don't miss the most recent edition of the blog of the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, entitled **"Global Nurses United Convention: Why it's important for the FIQ to attend"**, available at fiqsante.qc.ca.

Tour of the CHSLDs: precious time will be lost

The FIQ reacted to the announcement of a fall tour in the CHSLDs by the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Health aimed at improving the organization of the care and services offered to the elderly in the CHSLDs and at home through a press release on September 20. "Precious time will be lost for a situation which requires immediate corrective measures and for which the great majority of the potential solutions have been known for a very long time", stated Line Larocque, Vice-President of the FIQ.

Extra costs: The FIQ applauds the minister's backtracking

In a press releases issued on September 14, the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, expressed her satisfaction with the decision of the Minister of Health to abolish the extra costs billed to patients for insured services. "Minister Barrette has backtracked on his intention to regulate and legislate the extra costs and that is very good. Now, he will stop defending the indefensible. At the FIQ, we have fought beside other organizations to get the minister to backtrack and today we can savour a victory which will be beneficial for the patients", stated Ms Laurent.



There is less than a month before this large-scale event.

If you haven't already done so, register at:

<http://fiq.netevent.ca/events/symposium2016/>.

There are still a few places left.

"Ratios are the cornerstone of safe patient care and nurses and midwives have fought tooth and nail to keep them for more than 15 years. The legislation of the Safe Patient Care Act will make Victoria's hospitals the safest in the country and give Victorian nurses and midwives the best working conditions."

Liza Fitzpatrick, State Secretary, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation ANMF, Victorian branch