



Newsletter

Health workers from northern BC to Argentina mark International Health Workers' Day

Today, health care workers from the top of British Columbia to the tip of South America mark International Health Workers' Day.

(link on website) Statement on International Health Workers' Day

(link on website) Online action: Tony Clement: stop the privatization of the health care system

(link on website) Día Internacional de los(as) Trabajadores(as) de la Salud - 7 de Abril

In Fort Nelson, BC, Hospital Employees' Union/CUPE members read the April 7 statement of principles, actions and demands to recognize the day.

"On International Health Workers' Day we send a message of support and solidarity from workers in the Northern Hemisphere to our sisters and brothers in the Southern Hemisphere," said Donna Ashdown, HEU chair and shop steward at Fort Nelson General Hospital.

International Health Workers' Day is a time to celebrate the contributions made by health care workers in Canada and around the world. It is also a day to support the right of citizens of all countries to have universal access to health care delivered by public sector workers.

April 7 was first designated International Health Workers' Day at a meeting of the health care workers exchange, a project initiated and supported by CUPE's Global Justice Mondiale Fund, the HEU, Ontario Council of Hospital Unions and CUPE Ontario.

Unions in Canada, Chile, Cuba, El Salvador, Argentina, Venezuela, Brazil and other countries of the hemisphere endorse April 7 as International Health Workers' Day. It falls on the same day as the World Health Organization's World Health Day.

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