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Community social services job action rolls out across Vancouver Island

In the largest job actions undertaken since rotating strikes began two months ago, community social services (CSS) workers at more than 20 agencies rallied support for a fair deal throughout the week of December 10.

As job actions swept across the island – from Campbell River to Parksville, Courtenay, Nanaimo and Victoria – striking workers from HEU, CUPE, BCGEU and HSA were buoyed by the solidarity and support they received from trade unionists and the general public.

In a departure from traditional picketing action, striking CSS members in Nanaimo, Courtenay and Victoria convened in town centres to serve hot food and beverages, baked goods and other goodies to the public. They also distributed warm clothing to people in need as a way to give back to their communities at a time of year that's difficult for many of the people they support.

Solidarity shone throughout the week as library workers, ferry workers, postal workers, teachers and many other trade unionists came out to support their CSS sisters and brothers.

Members from all four unions worked together to prepare food, gather clothing, and get their messages out to a receptive public and interested media, who published and broadcast stories throughout the week.

Since October 16, rotating strike actions have impacted agencies across B.C., including Vancouver, Kamloops, Prince George, Victoria, Nelson, Vernon, Campbell River, Parksville, Nanaimo, Courtenay, Williams Lake, Victoria and many others.

Members from the following agencies were down to essential services at different points during the week of December 10: Campbell River and District Association for Community Living (BCGEU); Comox Valley Transition Society (HSA); John Howard Society of North Island (HSA); Nanaimo Association for Community Living (CUPE); KDJ Alliances Holding Ltd. (HEU); J. Garnons Williams (HEU); Pamela Home Society (HSA); Haven Society (HSA); Parksville and District Association for Community Living (BCGEU); Victoria Women's Transition House Society (HSA); Becon Support Services (HEU), Community Living Victoria (HEU); Crossroads Human Services (HEU); Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre (BCGEU); Independent Living Housing Society (HEU); Integra Support Services (HEU); Kardel Consulting Services (HEU); Kjosa Community Living (HEU); Garth Homer Society (BCGEU); Autistic Homes Society (HEU); Victoria Community Resources Society (HEU); and Western Human Resources (HEU).

You can read and see more at <www.cssfairdeal.ca>.

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