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Celebrate May Day 2010 – International Day of the Worker

On May 1 – International Day of the Worker – working people around B.C. will participate in May Day events to celebrate the labour movement's historical wins and modern day social movements.

For more than 100 years, May Day has been a time for workers around the globe to remember their achievements and to stand in solidarity with their sisters and brothers as workers fight to achieve even the most fundamental labour rights.

May Day's designation as an international day for workers' rights started in the United States, where the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions declared May 1, 1886 as the date on which the eight-hour workday would become standard.

Since June 11, 1872, when trade unions in Canada were legalized, labour has been at the forefront of groups seeking legislation designed to improve Canadians' quality of work life. Pensions, health insurance, a living wage, the shorter workday and work-week, and the right to organize were all fought for by workers in unions or those trying to form unions.

The Vancouver and District Labour Council is having a May Day rally, and hosting its annual dinner and evening celebration at the Maritime Labour Centre. Check with your local Labour Council to see what's happening in your community.

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