



HEU observes Human Rights Day – December 10

In recognizing the diversity of our membership, HEU has been a pioneer in human rights advocacy in the labour movement – provincially, nationally and globally.

That's why the union is encouraging locals to mark Human Rights Day on December 10.

According to the United Nations: “This year, the spotlight is on the rights of all people — women, youth, minorities, persons with disabilities, indigenous people, the poor and marginalized — to make their voices heard in public life and be included in political decision-making.”

It was December 10, 1948 when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted. Some of our fundamental human rights include freedom of expression, association and opinion; participation in government, social equality, no discrimination based on gender, race, religion or sexual orientation. These rights are extended to all citizens of the world.

HEU's five equity standing committees and the union's Global Justice and Peace subcommittee recognize the importance of continuing to educate members around human rights issues and advocate for protections against all forms of discrimination – at home and abroad. Their work particularly focuses on people with disabilities, indigenous peoples, migrant workers, women, and LGBT members.

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