



International Day of Pink celebrates diversity in workplaces, schools and communities – April 9

For seven decades, the Hospital Employees' Union has championed workers' rights and advocated for social equality on an international scale.

That's why HEU is proud to support International Day of Pink and celebrate diversity in the workplace, schools and communities around the globe. It's a day to speak out against any form of bullying, harassment, discrimination, homophobia and transphobia.

"HEU has a proud and diverse membership," says the union's secretary-business manager Bonnie Pearson. "We have worked diligently to raise awareness and educate our members about their right to work in a respectful, harassment-free environment.

"In recent years, we have lobbied with labour allies to make significant changes to employer policies and the *Workers Compensation Act* to improve protections for workers experiencing on-the-job bullying or harassment."

In Canada, pink became a national symbol of anti-bullying after two Nova Scotia teenagers stood up for a classmate who was bullied at school for wearing a pink shirt. The high school students – David Shepherd and Travis Price – took up the cause, recruited their classmates, and organized a pink protest.

They bought and distributed 50 pink tank tops to male students, and they all wore them in a day of solidarity against bullying.

For more information on International Day of Pink, visit <<http://www.dayofpink.org>>.

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