

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Since AUCE faces an important decision regarding affiliation, the AUCE Cross-Local CLC Committee has been formed.

The purpose of this committee is to collect, organize and distribute information which explains to AUCE members why, given the economic and political conditions we face, the best way to improve AUCE wages and working conditions and address issues affecting women workers would be to merge with one of the following Canadian Labour Congress unions having jurisdiction for public sector workers: BCGEU, CUPE or OTEU.

The next meeting of the AUCE Cross-Local CLC Committee will be held:

Tuesday, June 10, 1980

Brittania Community Centre
1661 Napier St.

Room L1
7:30 PM

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There are several good reasons why we believe that you should cast a vote for the CLC in the next AUCE ballot on affiliation:

For more resources to win better conditions and wages. We are falling behind in our wage settlements and groceries keep getting more expensive. We need the financial resources to present a real strike threat with assured strike funds and CLC solidarity behind us. The CLC affiliates which we can join all have defense funds, as well as union programs, education and services to make us stronger. An effective strike threat can win a good contract without having to strike.

For strength and unity through strategy workshops with other education sector workers; through conferences and seminars where we can share information on wages and benefits and consider coordinated negotiations and contracts. Being part of a larger organization could give us support on all kinds of issues, for example, equal pay and sexual harassment. We are threatened by government cutbacks, and this would put us in a much better position to fight.

For participation in setting labour policies. As a union we have an obligation to participate in conferences and programs organized for the labour movement. We need to keep fighting for decent wages and working conditions for women workers. Large numbers of private sector workers remain unorganized. Public sector collective bargaining rights are threatened. AUCE has often identified ground to be broken, but it is the labour movement as a whole which has the strength to implement changes. If we join the CLC our ideas will have more impact. 2.3 million organized workers cannot be ignored!

Your vote is decisive. We encourage a vote for affiliation.

June 5, 1980
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