

CONVERGENCE ASSEMBLY

[Convergence Assembly on the Commodification and Access to Public Services and the Fight Against Austerity](#)

August 10 and 11, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Convergence Assembly on the Commodification and Access to Public Services and the Fight Against Austerity seeks to bring together organizations that consider quality public services and their accessibility as fundamental for an egalitarian, democratic and sustainable society. The austerity policies of various governments undermine public services in the various countries and impede their progress.

This assembly aims to provide a space for deliberation and discussion on strategies to adopt to confront the dangers that threaten this fundamental right and to promote public services through adequate public resources, democratic governance and respect for the rights of the workers and the communities.

Joint proposal from the Labor Zone, Youth Space Committee, Education Zone, Diversity, genders and sexualities (DGS), Health Zone Committee and A Voice for the Humanities.

Where

Université du Québec à Montréal –
Pavillon DS (Local DS-R510)
320, rue Sainte-Catherine Est
Montréal, Québec, Canada H2X 1L7

Main language of the activity: French

CONFERENCE

[Impact of neoliberalism on social inequality and health](#)

August 10, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

We live in a single economic and political paradigm : that of growth, liberalization and capital. But what are the consequences on the health of citizens ?

The current system is linked to the deterioration of health conditions for all : letting a minority make profit at the expense of our health has serious consequences. This conference will allow us to hear different perspectives on the relationship between our current system and the health status of individuals. It will also be a time to reflect on alternatives for action. It is time to act and to stop sacrificing our collective health and claim health as a fundamental human right.

Where

Atrium du Complexe Desjardins
150, rue Ste-Catherine
Montréal, Qc, Canada

Main language of the activity:
French, English, Portuguese

There will be simultaneous translation
(English/French/Spanish) for both
activities.



The FSSS-CSN invites you to participate in large numbers in the following activities.

Hope to see you there!

DISCUSSION WORKSHOPS

Subsidized educational childcare services: time to take stock

August 10, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

With Québec's family policy hitting the 20-year mark in 2017, this workshop will be a good time to review and assess its history and discuss prospects for the future in the field of subsidized educational child care. More specifically, it will be an opportunity to discuss measures that are currently being implemented or that could be implemented to protect and safeguard the Québec model of subsidized educational child care. A democratic public consultation process will be presented: an independent travelling commission followed by a big summit meeting and the tabling of a white paper at the National Assembly, done by an independent organization.

Speakers

Dany Lacasse, vice-president, Fédération de la santé et des services sociaux-CSN

Louis Senécal, chair and executive director of the Association québécoise des centres de la petite enfance

Emilia Castro, Vice-president, Conseil central de Québec Chaudière-Appalaches (CSN)

Andre Lebon, Chair of the travelling commission on educational early childhood services launched by the AQCPE.

Where

McGill University
Rutherford Physics Building (Local 118)
3600 University
Montréal, Québec, Canada H3A 2T8

The National Rendez-vous and their community of practice: a process to ensure the future of the public health and social services system

August 11, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The public health and social services system is currently confronted with many challenges. There are various voices suggesting that the principles so important to us of a system that is accessible, universal, of good quality and free of charge to users may be jeopardized. The two National Rendez-vous on the future of the public health and social services system were an opportunity for more than 400 people from 150 organizations to work out consensuses on the issues and solutions that should get priority. The Rendez-vous gave rise to a community of practice now composed of leaders in the field of health care and social services aimed at providing support for implementing these solutions. Presentation and discussion of the issues, solutions and process now under way.

Speakers

Guy Laurion, VP, FSSS-CSN

Michel Venne, INM

Michèle Pelletier, Co-ordinator of the community of practice in health care and social services

Where

Université du Québec à Montréal
Pavillon SH (Local SH-3580)
200 Sherbrooke West,
Montréal, Québec, Canada H2X 1X5

Democratic participation in health care and social services: review of the situation and prospects

August 12, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Democracy is clearly on the decline in health care and social services. Successive reforms have seriously weakened the mechanisms for participation by the public, users and people working in the field through which they could have genuine influence on policy, organizational and clinical matters. This weakening of democracy, which poses a real threat to exercising our rights, is occurring at the same time as the government is attacking and eroding a series of mechanisms for participation by civil society in various other areas of society, putting into question how our political democracy works. Discussion on the theme of democracy in health care and the health of democracy in Québec.

Speakers

Guy Laurion, vice-president, Fédération de la santé et des services sociaux-CSN

Michel Venne, Institut du Nouveau Monde (INM)

Jean-Sébastien Dufresne, Mouvement démocratie nouvelle (MDN)

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\$15 minimum wage: an effective way of curbing privatization in health care and social services?

August 12, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

A lack of public services means that more and more people with reduced independence are forced to turn to the private sector for accommodations and care. In the sector of private retirement residences and nursing homes, the business model depends basically on a low wage policy. Operators pay unionized employees an average of \$12.80 an hour, even though they provide the same type of care and services as in the public sector, where the average wage is close to \$20. The same phenomenon can be seen in home care and home support services. Would raising the minimum wage to \$15 be a good way of curbing privatization in health care and social services? Discussion on the impact and issues.

Speakers

Dominique Daigneault, president, Conseil central du Montréal métropolitain-CSN (CCMM-CSN)

Nadine Lambert, vice-president, Fédération de la santé et des services sociaux-CSN

Louise Boivin, professor in Industrial Relations, Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO)

Benoit Bachand, senior consultant, MCE Conseils

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Main language: French

There will be simultaneous translation (English/French) for the workshops.