

February 20, 2018

Sisters and brothers,

In 2018, we are proud to host USW's combined International/National Women's Conference in Toronto. "Women of Steel: A Call to Action" will be a time for Women of Steel activists to network and plan for ways our union can continue to advance women's equality.

Please make every effort to send sisters to this important conference, October 14-17, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto. Key conference activities include:

- Registration begins the evening of Saturday, October 13 and continues through Sunday, October 14
- District caucuses: afternoon, Sunday, October 14
- Opening reception: evening, Sunday, October 14
- Plenaries with guest speakers and panel presentations: each morning, October 15-17
- Workshops: each afternoon, October 15 and 16 (Note: workshop selection will take place during registration)
- Rally for women's equality: morning, Tuesday, October 16
- Conference closes: noon, Wednesday, October 17

Because we know that women often still bear responsibility for childcare, we are providing free on-site childcare by unionized, certified early childhood educators. And because this conference is taking place in Canada, simultaneous translation will be provided for all delegates in English and in French during all plenaries and some workshops.

Registration can be completed online [here](#), or by filling out and returning the paper form sent to your local union. The registration fee is \$250 CDN by August 1 or C\$275 CDN after August 1, in Canadian dollars.

To book rooms at the conference hotel at the conference rate, call 1-888-627-7175 (and say you are with the 2018 United Steelworkers International Women's Conference) or go online [here](#).

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We encourage you to make your travel bookings with a unionized travel agency such as WE Travel, by calling 1-800-663-4703 (Vancouver office) or 1-800-676-7747 (Ottawa office) or at <https://wetravel.net>. Travel bookings can also be made with Vision Travel at 604-273-1811 or 1-800-665-4541 or by email at colleen.burke@visiontravel.ca, or with Professional Travel Inc. at 1-877-499-1149 (select "4" for group meetings and identify yourself as a participant in the USW WoS Conference and use code 2018-USW-IWC).

USW is stronger because of Women of Steel activists. I encourage local unions to support as many of their sisters as possible to attend this important event.

In solidarity,



Ken Neumann
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