

## **CUPE PEI Organizing Report 2010**

Many organizing initiatives have happened over the past year, both to build our membership and to promote CUPE!

In August 2009 during Old Home Week in Charlottetown CUPE sponsored a CUPE booth to promote CUPE. During the ten day period we had numerous volunteers work the booth to hand out CUPE material and talk to the public about what CUPE is, who CUPE represents and the services we provide. I would like to thank CUPE National for the funding and resources provided to do this project on PEI as well as Brother Bob Hickey for his support during the preparation stages and the ten day event. Last but not least to the many hands that was involved to make this project a huge success. Each day of the event we had hundreds of people stopping by the booth, great PR for CUPE.

In October 2009 we began a project organizing substitute Educational Assistants and Youth Service worker in the Eastern School District, Western School Board and the French School Board. Applications were filed in January 2010 for the Eastern School District and the Western School Board. This project was a huge success with a very positive response by the substitute Educational Assistance and Youth Service Workers in all areas of Prince Edward Island. Member organizers Sisters Carolyn Vandaele, Shawna Quinn, Marlene Murphy, Maxine Harris and Anne Fitzgerald done an amazing job, it was a pleasure working with this group.

In March 2010 we began a project organizing the substitute Teachers across Prince Edward Island. This project has just begun and again the responses being received by member organizers Brothers Milo Murray and Leonard Crawford and Sisters Carolyn Vandaele and Shawna Quinn are positive. We will continue to work on this project; our goal is to file an application to the Labour Board by the end of March 2010.

Our next projects are organizing the substitute workers in the Transportation, Administrative Assistant and Maintenance Groups. We have had many members offer their names to help out with these projects; the plan is to proceed with these projects in March, April and May.

We again would like to continue promoting organizing within CUPE on Prince Edward Island, if there are any groups that you may have contacts with that would have an interest in organizing within CUPE please contact CUPE PEI Division. Many members have put forth their name for member organizing training; this training is still on the agenda and will happen in the near future. Organizing on PEI has been successful because of the many people involved, thank you to all the member organizers, CUPE Staff Reps, CUPE Specialty Rep, Glen Gallant, CUPE Regional Director, Bob Hickey, Secretaries, Sister Lise Lauzon and Sister Chantal Bougeois.

Let's continue to grow!

Respectively Submitted,

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