

Working Group Updates

Working Group Name		Systemic Issues and Social Change Working Group		
Facilitation	Name: Sandra Guerra	Organization: WoodGreen Community Services		
Date of Last Meeting: January 15, 2015	# of members:	# attended: 11	# of regrets: 3	
Main Items				
<i>Item 1:</i>				
Brief Summary: Workers' Action Centre presentation		Actions: - presentation overview of WAC activities - update on some new changes to Employment Standards Act that were approved late 2014 - committee gave feedback on the outline for the new '\$15 and Fairness' campaign -committee members discussed the campaign in reference to the non-profit sector and how funding sources don't always promote 'fair' working situations - committee agreed to participate in a focus group to give feedback/suggestions to ESA reform		
<i>Item 2:</i>				
Brief Summary: Shadow Economies Research (Part 2)		Actions: -Keren, research assistant from Ryerson, gave an overview of the data she has been sifting through for the Shadow Economies report - committee gave feedback on the research priorities - committee shared some anecdotal evidence from their agencies - committee suggested that the research numbers (esp around ITPs) should be tied back to the Express Entry program		
<i>Item 2:</i>				
Brief Summary: Health Equity Campaign		Actions: - Sara, TPH presented a draft work plan for the Health Equity Campaign - committee discussed		
Next Steps for Future Meeting(s):				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize focus group (with settlement and/or employment counsellors) to give input to Employment Standards Act Reform from a newcomer perspective • Organize group to follow up with Keren on Shadow Economies report • Work with TPH to find Social Marketing students and finalize work plan for the health equity campaign • Paulina will contact Canadian Centre for Refugees to find out more information about Syrian and Iraqi Refugee sponsorship (re: health care) • Elmira will contact the newly re-formed Health Services for Uninsured workgroup 				
Feedback or Recommendations request:				