



Rekindling the Spirit of 1919

ACTIVISTS EXCHANGE

Saturday, May 9th, 9am to 3pm - Knox United Church, 400 Edmonton Street

This exchange will involve a day of discussion, workshops and presentations. We will remember what took place in 1919 and why, through discussion on how we can challenge the exploitation of working class people today. We want to remember the Strikers by finding new ways to support those struggling to advance their social and economic rights.

- Registration 9 am
- Opening Remarks 10 am
- Introductions/Agenda
- Group Discussion One – the issues 10:30
- Sharing the Discussion Results
- Group Discussion Two – the action 1 pm
- Sharing the Discussion Results
- Concluding Remarks 3 pm

Our question for the day – what do we need or need to do, to advance a broad social justice agenda in Winnipeg? Some of the possible themes to be considered could include;

- how do we build alliances and solidarity,
- what resource and skill development is needed,
- how do we prioritize and respond to contemporary issues,
- how do we stimulate the energy and passion of activism, and
- how do we build on small victories, that we know are possible?

Workshop Participants

The Activists Exchange will bring together people with a range of experience in labour and community activism. Coming to the event will be people with a common interest in social and economic change that benefits working people and those disadvantaged by our economic system.

Invited to the workshop are labour, women, environmental, anti-poverty, aboriginal, anti-racist and other community activists. We have invited activists with a little and a lot of experience, in Canada and in other countries.

Everyone with a commitment to social justice will be welcome.

Sponsored by MAYWORKS Committee.

Lunch will be Served.

The objectives of this weekend celebration are to:

- give social justice activists an opportunity to learn from each other,
- define political challenges that face activists today, in parallel to what faced strikers in 1919, and
- propose what can and should be done by activists to create social and political change in Manitoba that could be celebrated and remembered in 90 years!

Pre-Registration – send your name to: 1919-2009@mts.net or call 947 2220. **March 20th, 2009**

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Preparation Sheet

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To help you prepare for the workshop, here are what we think are some of the issues we need to discuss. Consult the people you work with or are involved in community action with. Bring their views to the workshop. Consider what you want to bring to the work shop and get out of it.

Our central question for the day – what do we need or need to do, to advance a broad social justice agenda in Winnipeg? More specific questions we could talk about, include;

- How do we build alliances and solidarity?

- What resource and skill development is needed?

- How do we prioritize and respond to contemporary issues?

- How do we stimulate the energy and passion of activism?

- How do we build on small victories, that we know are possible?

- Other issues you want to bring up??

Your Name _____ **Phone Number** _____

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