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Unifor participates in Drag the Red project, health care activists rally, members demand restrictions on anti-vaccination protests, Joie Warnock retires, young workers discuss challenges, read our World Day for Decent Work and Day for Older Persons statements and new deals were ratified at Brinks, Food Basic and Rio Tinto.

 **WHAT'S HOT**



Health care activists organize rallies across Ontario demanding Doug Ford fix the crisis in long-term care.

 **TAKE ACTION**



Unifor is ramping up its efforts on getting the Ontario Conservatives to sign on to the federal child care plan by lobbying MPPs in meetings next week. Post our new

shareable on your social channels and sign the petition.

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IN THE NEWS



Unifor Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle was in Winnipeg with other activists last week to participate in the Drag the Red project, on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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Unifor calls on Premier Doug Ford to enact legislation to ban anti-vaccine protests near hospitals, schools, daycares and COVID-19 immunization and testing clinics.

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Unifor member Charanjit Parhar was killed on the job on Sept. 28, 2021 at Coast Mountain Bus Company in downtown Vancouver where he was a transit operator for more than 20 years.

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A champion for workers, climate action, and Indigenous rights, Joie Warnock has retired from her position as Assistant to the National President.

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Ontario Premier Doug Ford stalls through Throne Speech with no mention of child care programs or repeal to Bill 124.

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Young workers gathered last weekend for a Zoom hangout where they opened up about the challenges they are facing and what they want to see addressed to ensure a bright and equitable future for all.

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To mark the World Day for Decent Work, Unifor is standing behind its young workers to collectively fight for a better future. Learn about the concerns, challenges young workers are facing.

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The pandemic has shown the importance of staying connected by phone or computer – including to prevent isolation among older persons. The U.N. marked the Day for Older Persons with a call for digital equity, a call Unifor joined.

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BARGAINING UPDATES

After 69 days on the picket line at the Kitimat/Kemano aluminum smelter, members of Unifor Local 2301 have ratified a new collective agreement with the international mining giant Rio Tinto.

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Brink's members in British Columbia and Ontario improve wages, incentives and premiums in new collective agreement that also includes new social justice advocacy measures.

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More than 1,400 Ontario Food Basics workers ratify new collective agreement that protects and grows full-time jobs, secures wage and benefit increases and extends the health benefit plan for part-time workers.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Unifor members turned out in force with orange shirts to make a strong statement of solidarity with the survivors of residential schools.

RESOURCES



As part of our 2021 Recovery Based Bargaining Program, new sample language is now available on several key priorities, to help your local committee at the bargaining table.

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