Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Greetings!

After my Sunday, April 8, 2018 appeal to all 13 identified prospective WGSCC roundtable participants, I am pleased to report the following, which is current as of this writing:

**1. POVERTY AND THE FIGHT FOR A MATERIAL EXISTENCE (THE FIGHT FOR A BETTER LIFE)**

DEENA LADD: Workers’ Action Centre

Toronto, ON

Status: **ATTENDING**

JOHN CLARKE: Ontario Coalition Against Poverty

Toronto, ON

Status: **ATTENDING**

VICTOR ELKINS: Hospital Employees Union

Vancouver, BC

Status: **ATTENDING**

SEAN SMITH: Toronto Airport Workers’ Council

Toronto, ON

Status: **ATTENDING**

**2. BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE LABOUR MOVEMENT (SOLIDARITY ACROSS BOUNDARIES)**

FRED HAHN: CUPE Ontario

Toronto (Markham), ON

Status: **ATTENDING**

CHRIS RAMSAROOP: Justice for Migrant Workers

Toronto, ON

Status: **ATTENDING**

PAM PALMATER: Indigenous Rights Advocate/Author/Academic (Ryerson University)

Toronto, ON

Status: **TENTATIVELY** **ATTENDING**; WILL CONFIRM ASAP

BILAN ARTE: Canadian Labour of Congress

Ottawa, ON

Status: **TENTATIVELY ATTENDING**; SEEKING APPROVAL FROM EXECUTIVE

JERRY WOODS: Past Chair, MB Human Rights Commission/Indigenous Labour Rights Activist

Winnipeg, MB

Status: **NO REPLY**

**3. MAKING LABOUR A SOCIAL FORCE & POLITICAL LEADER (BUILDING A WORKING-CLASS ALTERNATIVE)**

SUZANNE MacNEIL: President, Halifax-Dartmoth and District Labour Council

Halifax, NS

Status: **TENTATIVELY ATTENDING**; WILL CONFIRM ASAP

BASIA SOKAL: President, Winnipeg Labour Council

Winnipeg, MB

Status: **ATTENDING**

ALIA KARIM: Fight for $15 Movement

Toronto, ON

Status: **ATTENDING**

SCOTT CHRICTON: IBEW 424/Alberta Labour History Institute Board

Edmonton, AB

Status: **ATTENDING**

This has been a very fruitful appeal, which can be summarized as follows:

**ATTENDING: 9**

**TENTATIVELY ATTENDING: 3**

**NO REPLY: 1**

**TOTAL: 13**

**It’s my recommendation that we can include all prospective roundtable participant names within the SSHRC application, save for Jerry Woods, who has yet to reply, unfortunately. To the latter, I will continue to seek out Jerry’s participation this week and moving forward.** Alongside, Leslie Spillett would be a great addition to our conference — this, as discussed at the March 3, 2018 meeting of the WGSCC Committee. I will approach her as you all advise.

All my best for now!

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