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More effort needed to ensure full participation of Aboriginal people: SFL

The province's largest labour organization is calling on all Saskatchewan union members and all trade unions to mark National Aboriginal Day – June 21 – by recognizing the important contribution First Nations, Métis and Inuit people make to our society.

The Saskatchewan Federation of Labour also proudly endorses and supports Aboriginal people in their struggle for an adequate land base, meaningful self government and economic security – particularly well-paid, full-time jobs.

The Federation of Labour is strongly committed to seeing Saskatchewan workplaces become fully representative of the overall provincial population.

Recent results of an ongoing deliberative dialogue process being carried out by the Canadian Labour and Business Centre through the Workplace Partners Panel is reinforcing the importance of ensuring full participation of Aboriginal people in all aspects of our society. The SFL is participating with other organizations in the CLBC WPP process. www.wppdialogue.ca

SFL President, Larry Hubich said. "Much remains to be done to address long standing issues of low participation of Aboriginal people in the workforce. It is not acceptable to expect someone else to fix the problem – it's everyone's responsibility".

Hubich noted that best way to make sure Aboriginal people are fully engaged, is through a process of cooperation, partnership, and genuine commitment by all stakeholders: labour, business, government and aboriginal organizations.

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