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SFL stands with LGBT community

Trade unionists have for many years joined the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBT) communities at Pride Day events across the country.

For more than 25 years Canada's unions have fought for the rights of the LGBT community. We have been there at work, in the courts, and in the streets to defend the rights of our members, their partners and their families. We have fought and won court cases to end discrimination. We have fought and won labour arbitrations for fair and equal treatment. We have changed laws and transformed both our communities and our province. **And we still have work to do.**

The struggle for changes to immigration policies, strengthening laws about hate crimes, and health benefits issues continues. Discrimination against LGBT people at work and in schools is an ongoing struggle.

"The trade union movement is grounded in the principles of equality and solidarity. Workers continue to do the hard work of putting an end to discrimination against LGBT workers. This involves education, open communication, and support for our brothers and sisters who are not being treated fairly," said Donna Smith SFL Solidarity and Pride Committee member.

The SFL has a Solidarity and Pride Committee with representatives from several unions. They work inside and outside the labour movement to bring attention to the issues facing the LGBT community.

In Regina a Pride parade is scheduled for June 20th beginning at noon at 2070 Broad Street and ending at the legislative building. Also throughout the week several other pride events will be held.

"We encourage people from all walks of life to come out and support our LGBT communities," added Smith.

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The SFL represents over 95,000 unionized workers from 37 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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