

SFL Youth committee

It has been a busy year for the youth committee. We have met 4 times since last convention, to work on a number of projects such as updating our “Got Rights?” tool kit, modernising our website, planning a new brochure for the committee, organizing our portion of the equity conference to be held in November, and trying to get the message of political involvement out to the youth with the help of other youth focused organizations. We have not completed all of these things yet, but we are well on our way.

The work we are doing on the toolkit and website is being done in the attempt to modernise the information and statistics held within those two items. We have also been working on a new layout for the youth committee website that will hopefully make it more attractive, and more useful for those looking to find information on who is a part of the youth committee, and what exactly it is that we do. We hope to have the website up soon, so make sure to take a look and see the new design.

We have also been spending a great deal of time working on a new brochure for the youth committee. We are creating this brochure with the intention of having a small amount of information in an attractive package that we can distribute at conventions, conferences, career fairs or any other event that the SFL youth committee will take part in. The layout and contents are just getting the final touches, so the brochure will be ready for the equity conference being held in November.

The vast majority of this past year has been spent on getting ready for the equity conference. Our youth centric session is focused around making the union a more inviting organization for young people who are entering the workplace. It's created with the intention that the more veteran members of our unions will be attending this conference, so as such we have designed our session to educate as well as stimulate discussion about why it's important to get youth involved, and what are some good ways of doing it. It promises to be a great session, so if you have not already registered for the conference, make sure to get in touch with the SFL office, and sign up.

We are also in the early planning stages of some political action work that we hope to complete with the help of the University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan student unions. The intention of this is to not only bring the labour issues campaign to a different audience, but also to bring a much more simplistic message to the youth of this province; vote. Historically, the voter turnout for young people is very weak, and we want to see more young people taking an active interest in the political process, and thereby executing one of this nations most basic rights, the ability to choose our governments. We hope that you will be seeing many announcements regarding these events soon.

It has been a productive year, and we are all looking forward to the next year of committee work, and we hope to bring forward some great things.

In Solidarity,
SFL Youth Committee