



A panel under the sign of activism



Monique Leroux and Jennie Skene, two previous members of the Executive Committee of the Federation, and Christian Pigeon and Éleine Trottier, two activists still active in the organization, were invited to take part on the panel “Our professional diversity: a collective wealth”, hosted by the journalist, Françoise Guénette. The discussions of this panel highlighted the reality of healthcare professionals regarding

their duties as activists within a context of professional diversity. The panellists tackled the integration of the different job categories when the merger of union certifications took place and shared their experiences of their role as union representatives in these different job categories and explained the type of leadership that they demonstrated throughout their union experience. Several delegates also shared their own experiences and their vision of these subjects.

Interactive and educational theatre for the delegates!

In the morning, the delegation attended a theatrical and interactive production by the *Groupe TAC com* and which was essentially about the political role of labour organizations. With the help of an electronic remote which allowed them to spontaneously answer, the delegates participated in a question and answer game and thus make a decision on different political aspects of union life and make the distinction between being political and politics.



There are no borders when it is a question of fighting the right-wing

Hope through action

In the afternoon, Dr. Michel Henry Brutus presented the non-governmental organization, Health Education Learning Resources Projects (H.E.L.P.) to the delegation. The latter's principal mission is to develop and install projects to improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable groups in the rural communities of Haïti.



Doctor Brutus talked about the current situation in Haïti and greatly moved the delegation with the content of his speech.

The delegates gave him several accounts of support and courage when faced with the challenges for the numerous craftsmen involved with the H.E.L.P. organization.



Stephanie Bloomingdale, who is seen here with the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, was warmly welcomed for the presentation of her speech to the delegates of the

Federation. Ms Bloomingdale's organization, the AFL-CIO, is currently in the middle of a very important labour battle which started last February when the Republican governor of Wisconsin pushed a draconian bill through the legislature which not only drastically cuts the working conditions of the State public and parapublic sector employees, but which also drastically limits union rights.

A petition in solidarity with all the workers in Wisconsin can be signed at

http://act.aflcio.org/c/270/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1909

On the programme tomorrow

The power to change is within us