

Negotiation of the Canada European Agreement

Civil society is demanding a public debate, now!

On October 13, the RQIC and its partners, of which the Federation is one, organized a press conference in order to demand a broad and informed public debate before any signature of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union (CETA).

The CETA is the most ambitious agreement ever negotiated by Canada. Its goals not only go further than NAFTA, but they are also more disturbing: for the first time, we are trying to negotiate entire areas that come under the jurisdiction of the provinces and



Régine Laurent, accompanied by the other RQIC spokespersons

municipal powers which, for Québec represents major public services. The CETA risks subjecting health, education, electricity, telecommunications, drinking water, culture, among others, to the logic of the predators in the market and to the interests of the European multinationals.

Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, was among the RQIC spokespersons for the occasion.

Read the press release on the website of the Federation.

Amnesty international celebrates 50 years

Evening fundraiser on October 27

An evening fundraiser will be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 27 at the *Centre Pierre-Péladeau* to mark the 50 years of action of Amnesty International. The circus troop “*Les 7 doigts de la main*” will give a very energetic acrobatic performance that comes together with beauty and hope. The profits from this evening will finance campaigns for the release of people unjustly imprisoned, the defence of human rights in North Africa, the fight against the death penalty and human rights education for Québec youth.

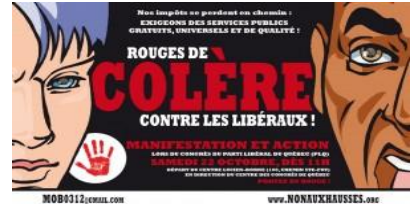


To obtain tickets, go to the Amnesty International website at www.amnistie.ca.

Call for demonstration and action

Rouges de colère contre les libéraux!

On October 22, the *Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics*, including the FIQ, is calling on the population to come to the Québec Liberal Party’s convention to be held from October 21 to 23 and protest against its austerity policies.



The demonstration will start at 11:00 a.m. and leave from the Centre Lucien-Borne, 100 Sainte-Foy Road, towards the *Centre des congrès de Québec*.

Come disturb and disrupt the convention in great numbers!

Go to the website of the Coalition for more information at www.nonauxhausses.org.

Union struggle

The FIQ supports the Couche-Tard employees

Last Friday, Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, went to a Couche-Tard on the South Shore to meet the unionized employees of one Couche-Tard and to encourage them in their demands. The fight against the giant Couche-Tard will not be easy, but the president thinks it is essential that the employees, who are negotiating their first collective agreement, continue the battle in order to obtain decent and safe working conditions.



Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, accompanied by Maxime Richardson, Vice-President of the *Syndicat des travailleuses et travailleurs des Couche-Tard de la Montérégie*

Participation of the FIQ at the IRIS seminar

Michèle Boisclair, 1st Vice-President of the Federation, was on a panel on intermediate resources at the seminar of the *Institut de recherche et d’informations socio-économiques* (IRIS) on the facts and perspectives of the aging population. The seminar was held on October 14 in Montréal.

