



Social groups block the Exchange Tower

For redistribution of the wealth!

A few weeks from the next budget, the *Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics* decided on February 16 to block the Exchange Tower, the hotbed of Montreal finances which houses the *ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale*. This action was supported by a demonstration of several hundred people. Several FIQ activists were present.

The social groups expressed their indignation with this government which insists on diverting the wealth of the population while giving to the rich and the large corporations. It is a known fact that more fair taxation alternatives exist to straighten out public finances, but the government is not showing any willingness on this subject.

At the heart of the Coalition's demands are:

- The cancelation of the increase in tuition fees;
- The abolition of the "health tax";
- The cancelation of the significant increases in electricity rates scheduled for 2014



Participation of Régine Laurent at the Colloque de l'AEESPUM

The president of the Federation took part in a panel on February 21 on the issues concerning professional demarcations at the annual symposium of the *Association des étudiantes et étudiants en santé publique de l'Université de Montréal (AEESPUM)*.



Also taking part on the panel were Debbie Feldman, from the *École de réadaptation de l'Université de Montréal*, Dr. Yves Robert, from the *Collège des médecins du Québec*, and Diane Lamarre, from the *Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec*.

Visit the following website for more information:

www.colloqueviiiaeespum.pbworks.com

The healthcare professionals at the Institut de cardiologie de Montréal are denouncing the employer's complacency

The Syndicat des professionnelles en soins infirmiers et cardiorespiratoires de l'Institut de cardiologie de Montréal, supported by the Federation, organized a rally in front of the Institut de cardiologie de Montréal on February 9 to demonstrate their indignation with the employer who has still not paid the healthcare professionals the retroactivity related to the new provisions stipulated in the collective agreement that has been in force for almost a year.

Read more on the press release on the Federation website under the tab "Salle de presse".



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