

President's blog

"We might well ask who is burying their head in the sand"



The President's Blog

Read and react to the latest blog from the president criticizing the words of the president of the OIIQ on the initial training of nurses. The president's blog can be found through the home page of the FIQ website.

Proposed regulation on the practice of the respiratory therapy profession as a corporate entity

The FIQ has informed the government that it is against the adoption of such a regulation through comments sent to the *Office des professions du Québec*. Concerns were also addressed to the *Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec* (OPIQ) who initiated this project. This regulation would essentially allow respiratory therapists to incorporate their professional services. The Federation believes this is encouraging the labour force to leave for the private sector or to practice as subcontractors in the public institutions.



Feminist reflection - To be read!

Don't forget to read the latest feminist reflection of the FIQ Status of Women Committee on the growth of domestic homicides and the importance of implementing preventive measures. Go to the home page of the FIQ website for access.

Demonstration on June 22

The FIQ was there!



The FIQ was at the major national demonstration on June 22 in Quebec City and Montreal. It was another opportunity for the Federation to demand the right to accessible public services such as health and education, the right to

freely apply pressure tactics, a society in which the economy is at the service of the population and not the reverse, and a society in which the values of justice, equality and solidarity are promoted.

Bill 78 criticized by the UNO

Bill 78, imposed by the Charest government, was the subject of strong criticism from the high commissioner for human rights at the United Nations who said that it was disappointing to see our government restrict the students' right to freedom of association and to peaceful assembly. In a release dated June 17, the UNO also indicated that it would add Canada to its list of the worst abusers of human rights. Bill 78 has direct impacts on the healthcare professionals who are no longer allowed to carry out spontaneous demonstrations, among others, to denounce their working conditions.

Summer period

The FIQ Express, though not taking the whole summer off, will only be put online in mid July and mid August. It will return every second Wednesday starting in September.

Have a great summer!