



### Workshops: logistics, advice and information

- Workshops will be approximately 90 minutes each.
- Simultaneous translation is available in the bigger halls and the larger meetings.
- Workshops are delivered in the organizers' language.
- No registration is necessary to participate in workshops or meetings. Participants are free to go from one place to another.

### Registration to the Forum

We invite you to register in large numbers on the Forum website, at [www.peoplesocialforum.org](http://www.peoplesocialforum.org)

- Various registration rates (individual, youth, joint and group) are available and registration fees vary according to the level chosen.
- The registration fee grants access to the entire Forum.

### Accommodation

#### Hotels

##### Holiday Inn & Suites

Ottawa Downtown  
110 Cooper Street

- Single Room and Double Room: \$ 123 per night.
- Triple Room: \$ 128 per night.
- Quadruple Room: \$ 133 per night.

To book, call **613-238-0772 ex 1332** or email at [angela.orlando@hiottawa.ca](mailto:angela.orlando@hiottawa.ca).

Please mention that you are part of the Peoples Social Forum group reservation.

Deadline for reservations: July 20th 2014.

#### Lodging at University of Ottawa residences

- Single room (Kitchen and bathroom on the floor) \$ 35 per night.
- Double room with two single beds (Kitchen and bathroom on the floor) \$ 70 per night.
- Two-bedroom suite, based on double occupancy (a double bed in each room, private kitchen and bathroom) \$99 per night.
- Reservations directly with the University on first come, first served basis.

Reservations payable by individuals are to be received at least 45 days prior to the arrival date by either calling **613-564-5400 '0'** or toll free at **1-888-564-4545 '0'**, or by sending an email to [reserve@uOttawa.ca](mailto:reserve@uOttawa.ca).

Credit card information to confirm each individual booking will be required at the time of reservation; however, no charges will be made until the guests' arrival, when full payment will be requested.





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Since the 2008 global financial crisis, workers and their families around the world have found themselves under multiple attacks and threats from job insecurity, unemployment, increased debt, government austerity measures, privacy violations, environmental disasters and wars. In response, people and organizations, including unions, have fought back through lobbying, demonstrations, strikes and other means. However these have been mostly sporadic and separate. The Peoples' Social Forum will bring together people from across the country to discuss and plan how to strengthen and coordinate efforts to make our country more equitable, democratic and environmentally responsible.

The Peoples' Social Forum will also be a joyous gathering with special exhibitions, workshops, peoples' history tours, film screenings, a massive rally, a pow-wow, street performances, concerts and games. The Peoples' Social Forum is a means of stimulating debate, discussion and furthering our sense of community and collective action.

## PSAC will host four workshops during the Peoples' Social Forum

### 1) Two days of Workshops:

Two days of 1-1/2 hour workshops will take place at the University of Ottawa and surrounding venues to address what is happening with federal public services in Canada and what the drastic cuts in government programs mean for both Canadians and public service employees

- 1) *The Fight for Public Services: The Fight against Inequality*
- 2) *The face of Public Service Cuts: Impact on Equity and Community Groups*
- 3) *Showdown with Stephen Harper: Confronting Austerity at the Bargaining Table*
- 4) *Rights of Mother Earth*

### 2) Movement Assemblies

Following the workshops, there will be a day of "movement assemblies" that will bring together labour and community organizations to develop a common plan for action. The PSAC along with other public sector unions are organizing an assembly on the issue of austerity and public services.

#### Other Workshop Themes adopted by Peoples' Social Forum include:

- **Climate:** justice – responsibility – action
- **Earth:** land – air – water
- **Gender:** sexuality – patriarchy – socialization
- **Governance & Democracy:** representation – organization – decolonization
- **Migration:** mobility – borders – displacement

### "On-to-Ottawa" Caravans

You can join up with the "On-To-Ottawa" caravans as they sweep across the country from every direction, growing along the way. They will make important stops to highlight ongoing campaigns and link our movements and communities.

From Vancouver, Halifax and Niagara, caravans of vehicles will be heading to Ottawa for the Peoples' Social Forum. If you're interested in participating in any of these caravans, you can contact the point people in your region by e-mail or check out the local contacts for each city at [peoplesocialforum.org/contact](http://peoplesocialforum.org/contact).

**From the West:** Contact Derrick at [derrick.okeefe@gmail.com](mailto:derrick.okeefe@gmail.com)

**From the East:** Contact PeoplesSocialForumAtlantic@gmail.com or PeoplesSocialForumPEI@gmail.com

**From the South:** Contact the Ontario caravan co-ordinators Carol at [carolb@ofl.ca](mailto:carolb@ofl.ca) and Patti at [pattidalton@gmail.com](mailto:pattidalton@gmail.com)

**From Quebec:** Contact Patrick at [prondeau@ftq.qc.ca](mailto:prondeau@ftq.qc.ca)

### Opening March

On August 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm, thousands will gather at Victoria Island, Jacques-Cartier Park and the Canadian War Museum to march towards Parliament Hill for the opening ceremony, where participants will be welcomed by Aboriginal and Social Movement leaders. The Ontario and Quebec Federations of Labour, Labour Councils and others will coordinate buses to bring people to and from the Opening March. For more information: PSAC regional offices – Ottawa: (613) 560 2560, Gatineau: (819) 777-4647

### Schedule

- August 21:** 9:30 am to 3:30 pm – Workshops  
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Opening March
- August 22:** 9:00 am to 6:30 pm – Workshops
- August 23:** 9:30 am to 6 pm – Movement Assemblies
- August 24:** 10:00 am to 12:00 pm – Meetings of Social Movements  
1:00 pm – Pride Parade