

International Women's Day

Edmonton 2011

Potluck Dinner, Forum and Discussion

Tuesday March 8th 6:00p.m.
CUPE Hall 10989 124 Street



The roots of International Women's Day (IWD) lie in the struggles of immigrant women garment workers in New York City who staged a general strike for 13 cold winter weeks in the turbulent political and economic times prior to World War 1.

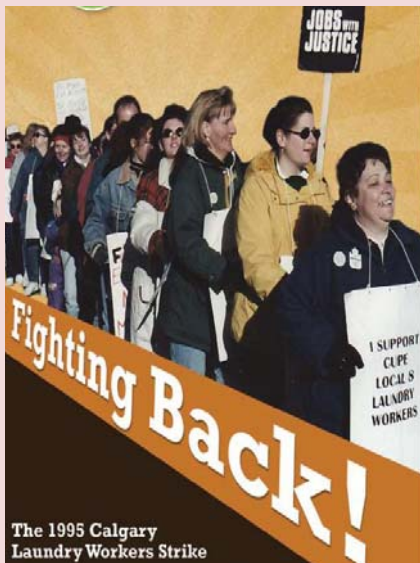


79 year old Egyptian feminist Nawal Al Sadaawi joins protests in Tahrir Square

100 years later and in the midst of a new economic crisis, working class women continue to fight back at the forefront of struggles in our workplaces and communities as well as in social movements calling for genuine equality, liberation, and peace.



Toronto IWD 2010



The 1995 Calgary Laundry Workers Strike

When single moms struggle to feed their kids; when migrant women leave their own families to care for the children and elders of wealthy families; when we earn less than our male co-workers; when we are trapped in dead end jobs because we can't access quality, affordable childcare; when women and children are hardest hit by war and disaster; when we face violence; when border agents are authorized to deport women from women's shelters . . . we know that IWD is as relevant today as it ever was. When we fight for quality public health care and education for all, for pensions and seniors' care, and to defend the dignity of labour, we affirm—in the tradition of IWD—that women's dignity lies in the fight for the rights of all!

On Tuesday March 8th, Edmonton women and supporters are invited to a potluck dinner, forum and discussion. Invited speakers will help contextualize the history of the day and ongoing struggles, leaving plenty of time for discussion. Please RSVP to let us know if you will be attending and if you are able to bring a potluck contribution.

Organized by the ad hoc IWD 2011 Committee.

For more information, or to get involved, contact Merryn Edwards: 780-910-1951 merrynedwards@hotmail.com