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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEE

NEWSLETTER

On Thursday, April 17th fifteen women from IWDC joined the Fotomat picket line from 12 to 2pm at the kiosk at Bloor and Spadina, which is the busiest location in Toronto. The women on strike have been out for six months and the union, the United Steelworkers, contacted us for support. The average wage is \$3.00 per hour, and one woman that we were talking to was making \$3.65 after five years on the job. They are very determined to win, and appreciate any support in fighting for their first contract. Boycott Fotomat!

IWDC has endorsed the Anti-Nuclear Demonstration scheduled for April 26, starting at 1pm at Toronto City Hall and marching to Queen's Park. We are forming a women's contingent and will be there with our banner. Come and join us.

The following meetings of the IWDC have been scheduled at University Settlement House at 23 Grange Road at 7:30 pm

May 7, May 21, June 4 and June 18.

The Educational Committee has been meeting and educational sessions will be held on a regular basis for IWDC and friends. The Lesbian Perspective educational has started this off on April 23. An educational on Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value has been scheduled for half of the May 21st meeting to be given by the Equal Pay Coalition. Anyone interested in being a part of the committee contact Marg McPhail at 532-7109.

Representatives of IWDC have met twice with the Equal Pay Coalition. As you may know the Equal Pay Bill is floundering at Queen's Park. Elgie, the Ontario Minister of Labour, says that equal pay for work of equal is "an idea whose time has not yet come". The bill has passed through second reading which is very unusual for a private members bill, but it appears that it may not go any further. There is the possibility of an action of some sort around the issue and we will keep you informed. Contact Laura Sky at 461-6030 for further information.

Women are urged to attend a series of daycare forums sponsored by Action Daycare at OISE, 252 Bloor Street West at 7:30pm:

April 21 Background to Issues and Movements

April 28 Action Daycare's Political Platform

May 5 Strategy Proposals for Concrete Action.

There are a lot of different things happening in IWDC these days, come and involve yourself.

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