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**WOMEN'S COMMITTEE**



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**COMITÉ DES FEMMES**

**First Call for Delegates  
Breaking the Barriers: Part Two  
Ontario Women's Committee Conference May 27-28, 1988**

**March 2, 1988**

**NOTICE AND INVITATION TO:** Riding Presidents, Secretaries, Council Delegates, and Women's Committee Liaisons; Youth Club Presidents and Secretaries; Advisory Committee Presidents; and Labour Affiliates

**FROM:** Judy Rebeck, President, Women's Committee

**What it's all about**

*Breaking the Barriers Part 2* will be held the evening of Friday, May 27 and all day Saturday May 28, at the University of Toronto Medical Sciences Building. As you will remember, the 200 women who attended last year's conference concentrated on the upcoming provincial election and changes we could make as women in the NDP. Partly as a result of that conference 40 women ran provincially and for the first time we had a women's organizer during the election.

At *Breaking the Barriers*, on Friday night we will focus on the pending federal election. Saturday we will discuss provincial issues important to women and how we can highlight them at the party's June convention in Thunder Bay. We will also elect the Women's Committee Executive, and determine our priorities for the next year.

We are asking women across the province to get involved in this year's conference. Please pass our invitation to the women in your organization through newsletters, phone calls, and mailings.

**Choosing delegates**

Again this year, the conference will be made up of elected delegates of ridings, campus clubs,

affiliated organizations, labour councils and ethnic advisory committees. Our goal is to have as geographically, culturally, and ethnically diverse a conference and committee as possible. Delegates should be women and members in good standing of the New Democratic Party.

*Please consider now how your organization will select delegates.* You could, for example, elect delegates for this conference when electing provincial convention delegates. Or you may wish to hold a separate general meeting or ask a general meeting to allow the executive to select delegates. When this process is complete, we'd appreciate receiving the attached registration form before Friday, May 6.

**Delegate entitlements**

- *Riding associations and campus clubs:* One delegate for the first 50 women members or less, and one additional delegate for each additional 50 women members or major fraction of that number. In the absence of gender-coded lists from Provincial Office please determine your entitlement to the best of your ability. Delegates should be elected at a duly constituted general meeting.
- *Affiliated organizations* are entitled to one woman delegate for the first 1,000 members, and one additional delegate for each additional 1,000 members or major fraction of that number.
- *Every labour council* is entitled to one woman delegate. The Ontario Federation of Labour is entitled to two women delegates.
- *Each Advisory Committee* is entitled to one woman delegate.
- All organizations are entitled to an equal number of alternates, but must fill their delegate complement before they can send alternates.
- Observers are welcome.

(Please use one form for each participant.)

# Registration Form

## Breaking the Barriers: Part Two Ontario Women's Committee Conference May 27-28, 1988

Name of delegate/alternate/observer \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone day \_\_\_\_\_ evening \_\_\_\_\_

*To be signed by the president or other table officer of the organization:*

The above-named woman is a member in good standing of the New Democratic Party and was selected at a meeting of our organization held on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

This woman is a (please check) delegate \_\_\_\_\_ alternate \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is a cheque for \$25 for delegate fee.
- Enclosed is a cheque for \$10 for a delegate on fixed income or for an alternate or observer.
- I will need a billet for Friday night.       I will need a billet for Saturday night.
- I will need child care for \_\_\_\_\_ child(ren) aged \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to help with phoning and/or other work before the conference.
- I would like to help with registration or elections at the conference.
- I am willing to billet a participant of the conference.

Delegates/Alternates/Observers please keep a copy of this form for your records.

Send to: Breaking the Barriers Part 2, Ontario NDP, 184 Main Street, Toronto M4E 2W1 by Friday, May 6. Make cheques payable to the Ontario NDP. For more information phone Carol Anne Sceviour at (416) 466-5240 or at (416) 699-6637.

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