



women and occupational health

A Conference

Saturday, 4 October 1980

Oxford School (6364 North Street) Hfx

- Women lead workers at General Motors in Oshawa were told they had to be sterilized if they wanted to work there.
- Operating room nurses have three times the rate of miscarriage that women in the general population do.
- One worker is killed on the job in Canada every two hours of every working day.
- Every 16 seconds a worker in Canada suffers a disabling injury on the job.
- There are 133,000 working women in Nova Scotia.
- A recent study in the United States shows that women clerical workers with children at home have more heart disease than working men.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00am Registration

9:30-10:30 Keynote Address: Dr. Jeanne Stellman

Author of Women's Work, Women's Health and Work is Dangerous to Your Health (with S. Daum)

Executive Director, Women's Occupational Health Resource Centre, Columbia University

10:30-Noon Workshops: "Identifying the Problems"

- . Industrial
- . Clerical
- . Hospital
- . Retail, professional and others

Group leaders are women working in these sectors in Nova Scotia.

Noon-2:00pm Lunch

Film: "Working for Your Life: Women and Occupational Health"

2:00-3:30 Panel: "Looking for Answers"

- . The Law - Pat Clahane, Law Union of N.S.
- . The Union - Kit Holmwood, Dalhousie Faculty Association
- . The Community - Pat Downey, Women's Organizing Committee, Baie Verte, Newfoundland.

3:30-4:30 Plenary session

Endorsed by:

Nova Scotia Women's Action Committee
Women's Committee of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour
Law Union of Nova Scotia

Registration:

\$5, includes lunch and information kit

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