

HALIFAX WORKERS' ACTION CENTRE

Educate. Agitate. Organize.



LABOUR DAY SUCCESS

The Halifax WAC proudly participated in this year's Labour Day events. We marched to celebrate the protections workers have won as well as to support the fight for a fair working future.

Lisa Cameron, Halifax WAC organizer, spoke at the event about our organization and the workers we help. "The inaccessibility of justice is a well known fact in the working world, which emboldens abusive bosses to flout the laws and protections we've fought long and hard for. This needs to stop," she said. "A call to the Halifax Workers' Action Centre is more than an avenue to free and personalized legal information. It is an invitation to join the historical and persistent fight for fairness."

After the march, we set up a table at Peace and Friendship Park and handed out basic information to people about their workplace rights in Nova Scotia.

THE GIG IS UP!

The Halifax WAC participated in a film screening of 'The Gig is Up' on September 8th; a film exploring the complexities of the platform economy through the experiences of gig workers around the world.

Jason Edwards, Halifax WAC volunteer labour lawyer, spoke at the event. "What we see in the film is how technology is being used by the employing class to extract more from members of the working class. This does not create positive outcomes for everybody."

Edwards highlighted scenes in the film that showed gig workers uniting for fairness and spoke about the value of collective action. "When workers come together and bargain collectively as legal equals with their employer, they are able to take power back."





THE STRUGGLE OF GIG WORKERS IN HALIFAX

Jabesa Hika is a rideshare driver in HRM who contacted the Halifax WAC in 2021. While his citizenship was being finalized, his permanent resident card was no longer valid; an administrative matter that ultimately prevented him from working for months.

"There were delays in the citizenship process due to COVID, so I was left waiting for a while," says Hika. "The issue was simple, but because there is no structure or support for rideshare drivers, there was nobody I could really speak to. I was just kicked off the app."

Hika spoke at the film screening 'The Gig is Up', shared his story, and discussed some of the challenges faced by migrant workers in the platform economy.

HALIFAX WAC FUNDRAISING EVENT!

You're invited to the first ever Halifax WAC fundraising event, co-hosted with the N.S. Federation of Labour and the Halifax-Dartmouth District Labour Council! Enjoy performances by pro-labour artists, food, drinks and good company - all for a great cause.

The event will include a silent auction for items including passes to Sensea Nordic Spa, local art, yoga classes, gift cards to local shops and more!

This will take place on **October 7th at 7pm at The Bus Stop Theatre** (2203 Gottingen Street). Ticket are sold on a pay-what-you-can basis (**\$5-\$20**), and can be purchased at the door or online.

All proceeds will help us continue to offer support to low-wage workers in Nova Scotia. **See you there!**



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