PSAC

Okanagan Human Rights Committee

The PSAC Okanagan Steering Committee met on July 30, 2016 to plan for the Human Rights 2016 event.   Following an opportunity for all HR Okanagan members to provide input the structure was formulated as follows….

Event: Temporary Foreign Workers
Date: October 16th, 2016
Venue: Coast Capri Hotel - Kelowna
Participants: 30

Target Participation

1. PSAC membership Okanagan
2. BC Union membership
3. Political parties
4. BC Federation of Labour
5. BC Fruit Growers Association
6. North Okanagan Food Society
7. Public

Agenda:

10:00 - 10:15 Introduction
10:15 - 11:45 Section 1
11:45 - 12:15 Lunch Break / working (speaker - film clip ?? - something different)
12:15 - 1:45 Section 2
1:45. - 2:00. Closing

Keynote: Darla Tomeldan, West Coast Domestic Workers' Association,

Websites

http://bcfed.ca/issues/temporary-foreign-workers
http://www.wcdwa.ca/
http://www.migrantebc.com/
http://dignidadmigrante.ca/

Preliminary contacts

Political parties
Rep for Westbank

Susan Yaciw – re orchards
Linda Woods – local knowledge

PSAC support

Robert provided info from Monica, is able to bring speaker, and will be able to attend event. This makes it much more feasible for us.Bring forward to Area Council and Women's Committee to ask for help with the event.

Budget - Preliminary Budget Estimates $1500 -- $1800

Room 400, Hotel 200, Speaker 500, Lunch 600, Materials 50, Misc 50
Less ticket price ($15 each or 3/30)
Propose - Human rights to pay 50% and Women's 25%, Area Council 25%

Presentation

a mix of lecture, interactive and engaging activities, group work, etc..
- role of the federal & provincial government
- requirements for workers, employers to participate in the program
- role of agents
- rights and obligations of the employer(s) & workers
- statistics for the Okanagan, if available
- support network for the worker, in the Okanagan and BC
- the intersections of forced migration,
- how the structural weaknesses in the programs create power imbalances
- precarious employment

Follow-up