

**REPORT OF THE  
YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE  
TO THE MGEU 65<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION 2018**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Area 1** Chris Crozier

**Area 2** Andriy Chuprov

**Area 3** Kirk Carr

**Area 4** Kara-Jean Miller

**Area 5** Kimberly McDonald

**Area 6** Jennifer Brown

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**THE YOUNG MEMBERS STANDING COMMITTEE (YMC)**

The MGEU Young Members Committee continues to inform, engage, and educate young workers. Over the past two years the YMC has been busy advancing the mission of the committee by engaging in community events and educating members of the committee. Several current and past members of the committee have taken leadership roles within the MGEU, labour organizations, and community groups. These outcomes are important for the future of the labour movement as we continue to develop strong activists, workers of today and tomorrow.

**COMMITTEE EDUCATION**

Our committee continues to fulfill our mandate to educate members on the structure and processes of the MGEU as well as the broader labour movement. During our regular meetings we discuss the ongoing activities in our respective Areas, workplace issues we are dealing with, ideas for how to resolve them and to share our personal achievements.

This past year, we invited Basia Sokal, President of the Winnipeg Labour Council (WLC), to share her story and knowledge of the WLC. Basia is a young member of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and an active organizer for progressive change in the City of Winnipeg.

o **MFL Young Members**

The YMC was fortunate to attend the MFL Young Members Assembly. The two day gathering provided an opportunity for young union members to share their perspectives and learn about issues facing young union members across Manitoba. Event speakers included political leaders, labour leaders, and community activists fighting for a more fair and just society. The event provided meaningful dialogue and an opportunity to develop leadership skills.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### o **United Way - GenNext**

The YMC attended the United Way Winnipeg's GenNext annual conference in 2017. The conference brought together hundreds of leaders committed to creating meaningful social change and moving our communities forward. YMC members were provided an opportunity to network, hear from community leaders, and develop skills like storytelling as a means to create social change.

### o **Polar Plunge**

Our committee once again took the plunge in support of Special Olympics Manitoba. The Committee has been involved in this event for several years and has raised thousands of dollars in support of this great organization.

### o **Brandon Pride Parade**

We were happy to join the Brandon Pride parade and festival in the summers of 2017 and 2018. Our committee volunteered in setting up the festival grounds, marched in the parade and hosted an MGEU education table. The committee decided to support this event to spread MGEU's presence beyond Winnipeg and to support a small, volunteer-run group advocating for Western Manitoba's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two Spirit and Queer communities.

## MOVING YOUNG MEMBERS FORWARD

The Committee would like to thank all of those who shared their knowledge and experience with the YMC during the last term. We believe that building relationships among members is crucial to the continued success of the MGEU. We have partnered with community groups and allies across Manitoba, supported causes important to the health of our society and educated ourselves to become leaders in our union and our communities.

Thanks to Andy Regier, Sara Mason and Serina Pottinger for assisting the Committee. We also want to thank past members Rebecca Clifton and Curtis Granger for their participation on the YMC this past term.