

RISE UP 4 INJURED AND ILL WORKERS CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Registration link: [October 1, 2026: Joint OFL and ONIWG Conference Registration](#)

1. **9:00AM-9:30AM** – Meet and greet
2. **9:30AM-9:45AM** – Welcome/introduction
3. **9:45AM-10:45AM** – “Suppressing Claims Should Lead to Blame”: Claims Suppression Forum
w/ Breakout Sessions
Moderator: Orlando Buonastella (IWC)
Speakers: Dr. Stephanie Premji (McMaster University), Steve Mantis (ONIWG), Jason Patterson (OPSEU)
4. **10:45AM-11:00AM** – BREAK
5. **11:00AM – 11:45AM** – “Critical Minerals, Expendable Lungs”: New Sudbury Occupational Disease Cluster Highlight
Speakers: Sean Staddon (USW 6500), Ron Rousseau (a miner with lung cancer)
6. **11:45AM-12:00PM** – Singing Performance: Justice Singers
7. **12:00-12:30PM** – Migrant Worker Project Highlight
Speaker: Eduardo Huesca (OHCOW)
8. **12:30PM-1:30PM** – LUNCH
9. **1:30PM-2:10PM** – “**Body vs. Mind**”: Discrimination Between Physical vs. Psychological Claims
Moderator: Chris Grawey (IWC)
Speakers: Dr. Deborah Scharf (Trillium Health Partners), Sarah Neath (UFCW Local 175), Clara Suh (ONA), Akilah Glasgow (ONA)
10. **2:10PM-2:30PM** – “Protecting All Workers”: Campaign Reveal
Speaker: Harry Goslin (OCEU/CUPE 1750)
11. **2:30PM-2:45PM** – Singing Performance: Justice Singers
12. **2:45PM-3:00PM** – BREAK
13. **3:00PM-4:30PM** – “Rising Up For A Just Compensation System”: Strategy and Action (Bill 105, WSIB layoffs, surplus distribution)

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