

The Decent and Stable Work Task Force Report

At the YUSAPUY Executive Board Planning Meeting (January 11 and 12, 2020), the Executive Board (EB) agreed to implement a communications and engagement campaign specifically related to precarious work as it affects both Unit 1 and Unit 2 members, and manifests on the membership as workload concerns that have been expressed by YUSAPUY members.

The Decent and Stable Work Task Force (DSWTF) was struck to work in consultation with the Executive Board:

- To recruit and contract a Part-Time Campaign Coordinator,
- To develop and implement a campaign to engage, mobilize, empower YUSAPUY members and engender greater cohesion and solidarity between Units 1 and 2, and
- To engage and enlist community support both at the university, as well as external to the workplace.

The DSWTF is a Committee of the YUSAPUY Executive Board and is comprised of:

- Paula Gowdie Rose (Chair)
- Anne Ralph, and
- Rosa Tarulli.

We are happy to inform the YUSAPUY membership that **Cherie Wong** has been contracted to work with the DSWTF and lead the Decent and Stable Work Campaign. Cherie Wong (she/her) is an experienced campaigner and activist. Prior to working as a freelance contractor, Cherie worked in Canadian politics and non-profit organizations, and for the last six years, has organized social and political campaigns at national, provincial, and municipal levels. Given the pandemic, Cherie's work will involve mobilization via online platforms.

Since August 17, 2020, Cherie has been busy getting to know YUSAPUY and our community and developing a campaign. For the next little while, Cherie will be “working behind the scenes” on pre-launch processes, such as consulting with the Executive Board, assessing current communications platforms, connecting with allies in our community and external to the workplace and preparing campaign materials. Cherie will also be attending our general meetings and will be connecting with the membership online.

From Cherie: “I’m excited to support the Decent & Stable Work Task Force in carrying out the campaign to engage the YUSAPUY membership on issues around precarious work!”

This is a new and important undertaking for YUSAPUY. Despite challenges presented by the current pandemic, the Executive Board is excited with anticipation at the impact this campaign could produce for our organization.

We look forward to working with Cherie and the YUSAPUY membership in making this campaign a resounding success!

Sincerely,

Paula, Anne, Rosa

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