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You are invited!

Join the union to show your **PRIDE** and solidarity at Toronto's pride events.

Unifor lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) activists and allies will be hitting the streets this year for Toronto's Pride.

Over the last few weeks, in the wake of the tragic mass shooting in Orlando, the LGBTQ communities, and all of us as trade unionists have been reminded of the work that still needs to be done to create an inclusive loving society.

This year's pride parade is an important moment to come together as a union to extend our solidarity and recommit to ending homophobia and transphobia.

There are a lot of events happening, but I want to encourage you to join Unifor LGBTQ members and allies at the following three events on July 1, 2 & 3:

• Trans march - Friday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m. Meet at Church and Hayden streets

The Trans Pride March is one of the largest annual events of the Trans community in Canada. All Trans identified people, their friends, and allies are welcome. The march goes along Bloor and Carlton streets ending at Allen Gardens.

• Dyke march - Saturday, July 2 at 2:00 p.m. Meet on Church Street just south of Bloor Street

This year the march is led by members of the Black Lives Matter Toronto Coalition. Rain or shine, this is woman and woman-identified march will go down Yonge Street to Carlton Street, and into Allan Gardens, concluding with a rally featuring queer local artists, performers, poets, and activists.

• **PRIDE Parade** - Sunday, July 3 at 2:00 p.m. Arrive early at 1 p.m. on Bloor Street at Ted Rogers Way to be in the parade

After 35-years Toronto's Parade has grown to be one of the world's largest. This year, Unifor's contingent will march alongside the Ontario Federation of Labour. Come early to get your pride t-shirt, whistle and solidarity sign. Our limited quantities will go fast!

Let's celebrate and march together on Toronto's streets to send a strong Unifor message against hate. Look out for the Unifor flags and messages of solidarity at each event.

For more information on PRIDE events, please email Staff Representatives: <u>Kellie.Scanlan@unifor.org</u> or <u>Ken.Stuart@unifor.org</u>

Happy Pride!

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NOTE: If you have accessibility needs, to ensure your participation in Toronto's pride events, please email the PRIDE TO Accessibility Team at <u>accessibility@pridetoronto.com</u>

Full details on Toronto Pride can be found at: http://www.pridetoronto.com