

Workshop Proposals for the 2016 Minnesota AFL-CIO Convention

Workshops Held 1:00 – 2:30 PM, Sunday, September 25, 2016

Common Sense Economics

See the latest version of the national AFL-CIO's Common Sense Economics core curriculum which addresses how and why the economy does not work for working people and what we can do about it. The curriculum will be demonstrated in a way that explains how participants can go back to their unions and communities and teach it themselves. Common Sense Economics is meant to be a tool for unionists to inspire political action and can be incorporated with Labor 2016 events.

Wage Theft in Minnesota: Recognizing It, Fighting It

Wage theft--stealing labor without providing fair pay--is a widespread phenomenon, treated too often as an "efficient" practice that benefits employers at the expense of those who do the work. Drawing on a recent study by the Labor Education Service (LES) at the University of Minnesota, this session examines wage theft practices in Minnesota and explores ways to combat them. Wage theft takes many forms, and session participants will survey multiple occupations where wage theft is a problem: construction, agriculture, retail, and service.

Attacks on the Rights of Women (THIS WILL BE REPEATED ON MONDAY AT 8 AM)

The coordinated, ideological attack on women's rights includes efforts to limit access to women's healthcare; the criminalization of women's sexualities and women's attempts at self-defense; the criminal justice system's abandonment of women who are victims of violence; and the ongoing discrimination against women that happens in the workplace and elsewhere. This session examines the connections between ideological assaults on the rights of all workers and attacks on the rights of women and other gender minorities. The session will conclude with a brief planning meeting for the upcoming 2017 Union Women's Retreat.

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Unions and Racial Justice (THIS WILL BE REPEATED ON MONDAY AT 8 AM)

The workshop will be facilitated by the People of Color Union Members (POCUM) and the Labor Education Service (LES). We will address how unions as organizations can address racial inequities as well as their role in a movement for racial justice.

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