



LET'S CONNECT! – A NATIONAL SPACE FOR BLACK, INDIGENOUS AND RACIALIZED CUPE MEMBERS

YOU'RE INVITED!

Saturday April 9, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. (EST)

To all Black, Indigenous and racialized CUPE members across the country:

Greetings!

If you are a CUPE member who identifies as a Black, Indigenous and/or racialized person, you're invited to join a national space that is designed just for you. This event will be hosted by Debra Merrier, CUPE National Diversity Vice-President representing Indigenous workers and Aubrey Gonsalves, CUPE National Diversity Vice-President representing Black and racialized workers.

Register here: https://cupe-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpcOySpzouHdzSris5Oixyqlue5fBbKE_R

Purpose:

Black, Indigenous and racialized CUPE members will come together to share and be heard, to lift and build each other up. Participants will leave the virtual space knowing their national union is committed to creating an anti-racist labour union, starting with the 10 goals outlined in CUPE's Anti-Racism Strategy.

Background:

This meeting is the first step in bringing CUPE's [Anti-Racism Strategy](#) to life. In Goal #2 – Representation, the strategy calls for the creation of organizing spaces for Black, Indigenous and racialized members to come together, and we're doing just that.

Whether you're a grassroots member or sit on your local's executive, please join this national virtual event! It's your opportunity to make connections, ask questions, provide feedback, and let your diversity vice-president know how best they can represent you.

Save the date!

You don't want to miss out on this BIG event – Save the date and [register](#) for *Let's Connect: A national space for Black, Indigenous and racialized CUPE members*. The registration form provides you with a space to self-identify. This is to ensure the affinity group's space is respected. You will also be invited to specify any accommodation needs for this virtual event. The gathering is scheduled for April 9, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST. This virtual event will include English and French interpretation, closed captioning and ASL if requested. Registration will close on April 1.

This is your space to co-create nationally, with an opportunity to stay connected.

Let's make it happen. Please spread the word and encourage all Black, Indigenous and racialized CUPE members to attend and participate in this intentional space created for you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Human Rights Branch at antiracism@cupe.ca.

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