



NBFL's Statement for International Women's Day

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This year marks a century of voting rights for Women in Provincial elections. This was an early step in the path to equality and women's rights.

On behalf of the New-Brunswick Federation of Labour (NBFL), we wish to thank New-Brunswick women for their continuous efforts and contributions to the society and economy of this province. We want to recognize the contribution that our female affiliates make to the New-Brunswick labour movement. Your dedicated work continues to improve workers' rights and working conditions and it also makes a difference in the lives of all New-Brunswick workers.

This year's theme for International Women's Day is "Pledge for Parity". Worldwide, women continue to contribute to social, economic, cultural and political achievement. Yet, let's also be aware progress has slowed in many places across the world, so we must continue to take action against the government on all levels.

While women are well represented in the workforce and in post-secondary education, women make up a significant majority of part-time and precarious workers, and are over-represented in undervalued and low-wage sectors of employment.

Canada's lack of a universal system of comprehensive, high-quality early childhood education and child care remains one of the most significant barriers to the advancement of women's rights and economic empowerment.

Everyone depends on someone who depends on child care. On this International Women's Day, let's urge governments at all level to work together to building a universal child care system that will help women enter and stay in the workforce, educate and train for better jobs.

I have no doubt that our female affiliates will continue their work to improve the lives of New-Brunswick workers and women.

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The New Brunswick Federation of Labour is the central voice of organized labour in the province. We represent over 40,000 workers from every sector of the economy and from every community in the province.