

# **Hamilton and District Labour Council**

## **Labour Activist Awards**

The aims of the Hamilton and District Labour Council, as stated in its constitution, include:

- Advancing the economic and social welfare of workers
- Extending mutual assistance and collective bargaining
- Promoting the cause of peace and freedom in the world
- Protecting and strengthening democracy and human rights within the labour movement and within the political life of our city, province and country.

The Labour Council wants to recognize members of our movement and its allies who demonstrate a high level commitment to our aims through their activities in unions, the labour movement, and the community.

A leadership or a supporting role—it doesn't matter. What is the impact? What barriers or difficulties are overcome? Those are the questions to ask and answer.

**Awards are presented in four categories: Lifetime, Sister, Friend, 2016 Labour Community Activist.**

### **Lifetime**

Awarded to an active or retired member of a local union affiliated to the Hamilton and District Labour Council who upholds the aims of the Labour Council by making a demonstrable difference to the union, the movement and/or the community in one or multiple areas of activity consistently over a lengthy period of time.

### **Sister**

Awarded to a woman or woman identifying person who is an active or retired member of a local union affiliated to the Hamilton and District Labour Council who upholds the aims of the Labour Council by making a demonstrable difference to the union, the movement and/or the community, in one or multiple activities, including advancing women's issues and advocating for women's rights in the workplace and community.

### **Friend**

Awarded to an individual or group, not members of an affiliated local union, who demonstrably upholds the aims of the Labour Council by supporting the campaigns and rallies of the Labour Council and its affiliates, and engages with the Labour Council in political action and/or community building.

### **2016 Labour Community Activist**

Awarded to an active member of a local union affiliated to the Hamilton and District Labour Council who upholds the aims of the Labour Council by making a demonstrable

difference to the union, the movement, and the community in one or multiple areas of activity in the previous year.

Areas of involvement / activity include, but are not limited to, the following:

Equity and human rights	Politics and political action
Health & Safety	Environmental protection and awareness
Workers' Compensation	Rights of people with disabilities
Peace	Culture and the arts
Anti-oppression / Anti-violence work	Not for profit and co-operative organizations
Advocacy (the homeless, refugees, etc.)	Social media
Women	Youth and/or Seniors

The awards will be presented during Labour Appreciation Night on March 23, 2017 at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre.

**Make a nomination!**

Complete the nomination form, including a description of the nominee's contributions to union, labour movement and/or community and their impact (maximum 500 words).

Submit the form to the Hamilton and District Labour Council by mail or email at:

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**Deadline for submissions is February 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**