

# Women in Politics

Part 2 of a 3 part GTA forum sponsored by the  
Toronto & York Region Labour Council,  
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Getting Involved: Activist and Candidate



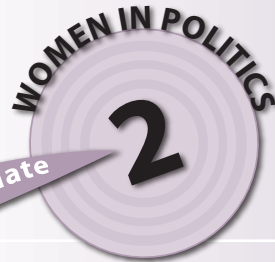
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Forum 2, call the Toronto and  
York Region Labour Council  
at 416-441-3663 ext. 222.

**6 workshops  
designed to  
involve women  
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community  
volunteers  
in the political  
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Canadian Labour Congress  
Congrès du travail du Canada

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This forum is designed to encourage and increase the participation of women within their unions, their communities and in the political arena. Workshop descriptions are listed below.

A registration form can be found on the back of this brochure. Please select a 1st and 2nd choice.

**2nd Annual "Women of Labour"  
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Sunday, February 19, 2006  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Do you know a sister who has made an outstanding contribution to her union, the labour movement as a whole or her community? The annual "**Women of Labour**" award brunch is the event to recognize her efforts. Nomination forms and ticket information can be obtained by contacting Maureen King at the Toronto and York Region Labour Council at 416-441-3663 ext. 222, by email at [mking@labourcouncil.ca](mailto:mking@labourcouncil.ca) or by visiting our web page at [www.labourcouncil.ca](http://www.labourcouncil.ca).



**Progressive Action At City Hall, School Boards**

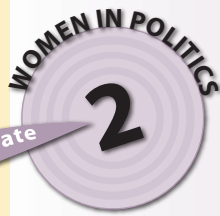
**Guest Speakers**

*Bob White, Past President of the CAW and the CLC*  
*Zanana Akande, Educator, Anti-Racist Activist and former MPP*

This forum will bring together forces to elect progressive voices at City Hall and School Boards in 2006. Discussion will cover pro-active approaches to organizing and rallying support for candidates who will support working families in the community and in our school system.

Watch for updates on this important forum.

**Labour Rallies For Progressive Action**  
Saturday, May 6, 2006  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Location: TBA



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# Forum 2a Workshops

Please indicate your first and second choice on the registration form on the back. You will be in the same workshop all day. Placement is based on a first come, first served basis. In the event that your two choices are full, you will be contacted by phone.

## Workshop #1 I CAN be a Union Activist

You want to become more involved in your union/local. This workshop will focus on the different positions available within a labour organization and develop the organizing and communication skills necessary to help you succeed.

## Workshop #2 I CAN be an Effective Advocate

There is an issue which you feel strongly about and want to let your elected official know how you feel but don't know who to approach or how to approach them. This workshop is designed to help women develop lobbying techniques and communication skills to enable them to put their points across to the politicians who represent them. This workshop will be of interest to women who want to ensure that their voices are heard in the corridors of power as well as influence decision makers.

## Workshop #3 I CAN be an Elected Representative

You want a career in the political arena but don't know which level of government you should concentrate on. This workshop will provide an overview of the responsibilities of the various levels of government, discuss the skills necessary and provide instruction in such areas as winning a nomination, membership drives, fundraising, etc...

## Workshop #4 I CAN Balance Work and Life

Traditionally, women have been viewed as the primary caregivers. Making a decision to get more involved in their unions or in the political arena means lifestyle changes. This workshop will teach women to balance their careers and other outside involvements with everyday living to make it easier and more fulfilling.

## Workshop #5 I CAN be an effective Public Speaker

No matter what type of activist you are, the ability to speak confidently in public is a major asset. This workshop will teach women how to speak effectively and with confidence whether in their everyday life, in their union or in the political arena.

## Workshop #6 I CAN be a Campaign Manager

The manager is a key member of any campaign and women bring a different perspective to the role. This workshop is designed to teach women how to develop strategies that lead to successful campaigns. Participants in this workshop should have experience working in other phases of campaigns as well as areas of politics such as lobbying.

# Forum #2 - Women in Politics

## Getting Involved: Activist and Candidate

### Registration Form

**Saturday, February 18, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Metro Hall - 55 John St., Toronto**

(please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Union and Local or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your first and second choices from the workshops below:

\_\_\_ Workshop #1 — I CAN be a Union Activist

\_\_\_ Workshop #2 — I CAN be an Effective Advocate

\_\_\_ Workshop #3 — I CAN be an Elected Representative

\_\_\_ Workshop #4 — I CAN Balance Work and Life

\_\_\_ Workshop #5 — I CAN be an effective Public Speaker

\_\_\_ Workshop #6 — I CAN be a Campaign Manager

To reserve your space, you may register by mail, fax 416-445-8405, or by e-mail to [mking@labourcouncil.ca](mailto:mking@labourcouncil.ca). Your payment of \$25 must be received no later than February 3rd to secure your reservation. Please make cheque payable to: **Toronto & York Region Labour Council** and mail to:

**15 Gervais Drive, Suite 407**

**Don Mills, Ontario**

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