

PROPOSED AGENDA: Toronto Organizing Meeting

Friday, September 25, 2026 at 6:00 pm
720 Spadina Ave, Room 221



6:00 pm: **Welcome, Introductions & Solidarity Statement**

Facilitator: Steph

6:10 pm: **Could education workers create a crisis for Doug Ford?**

Introductions: Sarah & Valerie

Suggested reading: [Education workers can create political crisis for Doug Ford](#)

- **Big group discussion**
- **Small group discussion break into groups of 3 to 5 people** (10 minutes)
 - What could “creating a crisis” for Doug Ford look like?
 - What could other unions and community organizations do to build support for education workers?
- **Sarah & Valerie wrap-ups**

7:10 pm: **Getting organized for RED OCTOBER (Oct. 30, 31 & Nov. 1)**

Introduction: Mahima



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- **Yasmin:** Russia 1917: ‘Festival of the oppressed’
- **Mehreen:** Lessons from the Spanish Civil War: 90 years later
- **Yahlehly:** Socialist in Seattle: Kshama Sawant & the fight against Amazon

Skills building for Red October (Sunday, September 27 from 12 noon to 5:00 pm)

Introduction: Deena



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7:30 pm: **2026 Fund Drive**

Update: Izzie



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7:35 pm: Break into groups: Toronto East & Toronto West

Use these points as an agenda:

- **Building Red October**

- Register yourself right now
- Who are you bringing? DM 2 people right now using the bitly link
- What upcoming events in your neighbourhood can you be leafleting at?

- **FOR Toronto East:**

- How many subway stations can our branch cover, starting with Spadina & going eastward?
- U of T St. George Campus
 - Postering, on the streets (indoors - is there a possibility we could get some posters approved?)
 - Leafleting, are there some upcoming events where we could hand out leaflets?

- **FOR Toronto West:**

- How many subway stations can our branch cover, starting with Bathurst & going westward?
- TMU Campus:
 - Postering, on the streets (indoors - is there a possibility we could get some posters approved?)
 - Leafleting, are there some upcoming events where we could hand out leaflets?

- **Supporting education workers**

- Can we pick one or two dates for an outreach blitz, to get more people supporting education workers?
- Can we decorate another couple of schools with education posters?
- Can we make a plan to invite the people who signed up to either an outreach blitz or a postering run?

7:55 pm: Announcements

- Update on Egyptian Journalist Hossam el Hamalawy
- Socialist Project: **Lessons from Ontario's Days of Action**: Saturday, September 26, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm (College Street United Church)
Register here: <https://tally.so/r/egg5MQ>
- Other announcements?

8:00 pm: Finish: Let's keep the conversation going at Pauper's Pub!

539 Bloor Street West (just east of Bathurst Street, south side of Bloor)

SPRING Solidarity Statement

Spring members seek to be a part of the struggles against all forms of oppression and to learn from them. In this, we recognize the unique oppressions faced by systematically-marginalized peoples and thus organize to offer a secure platform for them to center their struggles against oppression. We also recognize the particular responsibilities of individual members of our organization who do not face these same oppressions to work in solidarity and allyship with them.

Spring members recognize that Canada is a colonial state and an imperialist power that attacks and oppresses those within and without its borders. As an organization, we oppose Canadian colonialism and affirm the right to self-determination of Indigenous communities, of the people of Quebec, and of oppressed peoples everywhere. We seek to be a part of the struggles against all forms of oppression and to learn from them.

Canada was founded on the displacement and genocide of Indigenous peoples. This brutality and violence is not just our history but continues to this day. This meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples, and is governed by the Dish with One Spoon wampum covenant.

“The dish with one spoon” is sometimes called the bowl or kettle, and represents what is now southern Ontario. We all eat out of this dish and share this territory with only one spoon. We have the collective responsibility as settlers / as guests / as visitors alongside Indigenous people to tend to this place and not to leave the dish empty.

Spring members believe settlers on Turtle Island have a special obligation not only to protect the lands we occupy in the spirit of the treaties, which have too often been violated and ignored, but also to stand in solidarity with the resistance of Indigenous nations across Turtle Island, and to join them in dismantling colonial violence.

We want to acknowledge the connection between the violence of colonialism in Canada, anti-Black racism, Islamophobia, xenophobia and other forms of white supremacy perpetuated by the Canadian state.

Finally, we want to be clear that criticisms of states and their governments are not a condemnation of the people who live under that state, regardless of whether the criticisms are directed at the practices of Canada, the US, Israel, or any other capitalist state. For that reason, we do not equate anti-Zionism with antisemitism.