

Labour Line

ARTICLES AND NEWS OF NOTE

The Home Line

Movie Review: Sorry to Bother You is a Modern (Labor) Love Story

Telemarketer Cassius Green discovers a magical key that leads to material glory. As his career begins to take off, his friends and co-workers organize a protest against corporate oppression.

<https://vpl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/6461286038>

Book Review: Canada's Labour Market Training System

Canada's Labour Market Training System allows us to understand the current system and where to challenge it in order to gain justice for all workers from women trapped in low paid work to temporary foreign workers who can basically be deported at the whim of their employer.

<https://vpl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/6463111038>

UNBC teaching assistants vote to join CUPE

Teaching assistants (TAs) at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) voted overwhelmingly to join CUPE 2278 in a Labour Board vote.

<https://www.cupe.bc.ca/unbc-teaching-assistants-vote-to-join-cupe>

Union drive at Mama Earth Organics leaves a bad taste

The company that prides itself on supporting local farmers and offering an alternative to the industrial food chain is fighting efforts by its workers to unionize

<https://nowtoronto.com/news/mama-earth-organics-union-drive-food-security/>

http://www.ufcw.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=32207&Itemid=2418&lang=en

Bill 66: How Politicians Exploit Power in Shaping Employment Standards

This week the Ontario Conservative government passed Bill 66, with the typical silly name "Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2019". The changes are important for what they tell us about how politicians tinker with the power dynamic in employment relations in order to achieve their policy goals.

<http://lawofwork.ca/?p=9666>

Google's temporary workforce will start getting full benefits

Google said it will require temporary and contracted workers receive full benefits from companies it works with in the coming years. The benefits will include comprehensive health care, 12 weeks of paid parental leave, a minimum wage of \$15 an hour, and \$5,000 a year in tuition reimbursement.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/02/tech/google-full-benefits-temp-contract-workers/index.html>

Holding platforms accountable to digital workers' rights

Platform workers from around the world are starting to push back against poor working conditions in the gig economy.

<https://newint.org/features/2019/05/01/holding-platforms-accountable-digital-workers-rights>