

# Ontario Council and your Club Executive

## Welcome to CFUW Ontario Council

In this booklet, you'll find information about Ontario Council and how we can help you as member of your Club Executive.

From financial support, to networking opportunities, to the pursuit of advocacy endeavours, Ontario Council is dedicated to your life-long learning and for the success of your club!

## KNOW YOUR ORGANIZATION - CFUW ONTARIO COUNCIL

CFUW Ontario clubs represent communities with diverse needs and concerns. Clubs within Ontario are divided into six regions:

Ontario North

Ontario Huron

Ontario Central

Ontario South

Ontario West

Ontario East

**Ontario Council**, together with CFUW Councils in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and Atlantic Region, represent more than 8000 members in over 100 clubs across Canada.

Four of the Regional Councils – BC, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic Region – are led by a President who represents her members as a Vice-President on the National Board of Directors. Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba Councils are represented by the VP Prairies.

**Regional Directors (RDs)** are the clubs' link to the Ontario Council and in turn to the CFUW Board of Directors. Your RD is there to help you and to bring your concerns forward, in the direction of our “bottom up” Federation.

**The Ontario Council Executive** consists of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications, 6 Regional Directors, and 3 Standing Committee Chairs (Education, Status of Women and Human Rights, and Legislation). Appointments are the Advocacy Coordinator, Webmaster and Policy Advisors. Our constitution can be found [on our website](#).

Contact information for members of the Ontario Council Executive can be found here: <http://cfuwontcouncil.org/about/executive>

## **WHO WE ARE**

The Ontario Council of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) is a voluntary, self-funded, non-profit organization with 52 clubs across the province, which is affiliated with the national CFUW and Graduate Women International. Our mandate is to promote education and life-long learning, to encourage the participation of members in their communities and to enhance the status of women and girls.

Our main concerns include high quality public education, universal health care, a clean safe environment, the economic security of women as well as the prevention of violence against women.

Along with our Speaker Series, Ontario Council's three Standing Committees - Legislation, Education and the Status of Women & Human Rights - meet three times a year to study topics and prepare action. We also have an Advocacy Advisory Committee consisting of members with expertise in many different areas.

## **WHAT WE DO**

- Promote cooperation and facilitate communication of information and ideas among CFUW clubs in Ontario.
- Promote the policies and programs of CFUW.
- Encourage and initiate studies with respect to provincial matters.
- Make or direct representation to the appropriate provincial bodies consistent with Ontario Council policy.
- Promote understanding of provincial and national issues and their implications, through dialogue among member clubs

## **HOW WE FORM POLICY**

Ontario Council forms policy, specific to Ontario, by means of a resolution process, as well as promoting the national federation's policies. Clubs or Committees propose Ontario Council resolutions which are voted on at the Annual General Meeting. If adopted, the resolutions become Ontario Council policy and are used as a basis for advocacy.

## **HOW WE TAKE ACTION**

- Clubs communicate with their elected representatives and public policy advisers to discuss issues covered by Ontario Council and National policy.
- Ontario Council makes representation to provincial government hearings, committees and commissions.
- Clubs research and arrange programs in their communities on various issues.
- Many Clubs award scholarships to help students further their post-secondary education.



## Canadian Federation of University Women ONTARIO COUNCIL CLUB LOCATIONS

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Ajax-Pickering	Kingston	Owen Sound & Area
Aurora-Newmarket	Kitchener-Waterloo	Perth & District
Barrie & District	Leaside-East York	Peterborough
Belleville & District	London	Renfrew & District
Brampton	Markham-Unionville	Sarnia Lambton
Brantford	Milton & District	Scarborough
Burlington	Mississauga	Southport
Cambridge	Muskoka	St. Catharines
Chatham-Kent	Nepean	St. Thomas
Cornwall & District	North Bay	Stratford
Etobicoke	North Toronto	Sudbury
Georgetown	North York	Thunder Bay
Grimsby	Northumberland	Toronto
Guelph	Oakville	Vaughan
Haliburton Highlands	Orangeville & District	Welland & District
Hamilton	Orillia	Windsor
Kanata	Oshawa & District	
Kincardine	Ottawa	