



Committee Terms of Reference  
Advocacy  
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## **Advocacy Committee Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose**

The mandate of this Committee is to advocate for the advancement of the status of women, human rights and the common good for Ontario. Committee projects/initiatives are expected to be aligned with the biennium theme approved by the OC Board.

### **Activities**

1. To act as a forum for discussion concerning advocacy on behalf of CFUW Ontario Council. The Committee members, which includes the Education, Legislation and Status of Women and Human Rights committees plus the President, Communications, Policy Advisors and two individual members, will assist with tracking current and emerging advocacy issues.
2. To support and promote policy by developing advocacy action, such as programs, partnerships, meetings and other tactics. Where there is an absence of policy, to research and write proposed resolutions for consideration at Ontario Council AGM.
3. To liaise with identified groups and partners to move relevant issues forward and respond to calls for consultation and support from local and other groups/partners advocating on issues related to CFUW Ontario Council policy.
4. To exchange information concerning advocacy activities and concerns, with the aim of informing multiple levels – clubs, regions and the Board. They will support and respond to clubs (members) as they move their advocacy issues forward. The committee will represent CFUW OC on advocacy related matters when requested.
5. Together to develop and maintain administrative procedure for advocacy related communication or activities for Ontario Council. These will be reviewed annually.
6. To produce a year-end report on advocacy activities, for the Ontario Council Annual Report for members.

### **Membership**

- Committee Chair –Standing Committee Chair of Advocacy
- Board Standing Committee Chairs for Education, Status of Women and Legislation
- Board Communications Chair
- CFUW OC President
- Policy advisors approved by the Board
- At least two and not more than six other CFUW members

### **Meetings**

The committee will meet a minimum of 3 times per year or when required.