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Working group on skilled workers

Three meetings planned

The working group on skilled workers will resume its work in a few days. The management and labour parties have set themselves a tight deadline with the decision to complete the work in three meetings scheduled for March 11, April 17 and May 2.

In recent meetings, the union party presented two findings:

- Too much of the work normally done by skilled workers is being contracted out in the health and education sectors, with major additional costs.
- Labour attraction and retention measures certainly require the injection of new money.

The members of the working group agreed that the upcoming sessions should be used to clearly identify attraction and retention problems specific to the 26 job titles covered by the letter of agreement on skilled workers. Each party is also supposed to suggest possible solutions for each of these.

The working group has committed to making recommendations – jointly or separately – to the bargaining parties at the end of these three meetings. Note that it is up to the bargaining parties (union organizations and management bargaining committees) to implement recommendations, so they will have to continue the work once the working group makes its recommendations.

This means that it is time to continue visibility actions in support of the discussions in progress. We urge unions to put up posters in the workplace, and ask all skilled workers to continue wearing the sticker on “Worker Wednesdays” in the coming weeks.

Solidarity!

On Wednesdays, we're visible
and we demand recognition for skilled workers!