PEARSON AIRPORT WORKERS ORGANize TO CONFRONT NEOLIBERALISM: TORONTO AIRPORT WORKERS’ COUNCIL

OISE Professor Marcelo Vieta invites you to learn about the Toronto Airport Workers’ Council (TAWC)

Contract flipping, dangerous work, tens of thousands working for over 400 companies in a highly competitive environment. The Toronto Airport Workers’ Council is at the frontlines of the struggle.

Meet and learn from key organizers about how TAWC is transforming the lives of workers at Pearson and inspiring similar workers’ organizations for grassroots empowerment.

Pearson International Airport is Canada’s largest workplace with over 50,000 workers on the front lines of neoliberalism’s globalization of air travel: de-regulation, relentless cost cutting, falling wages and job security for workers across the sector.

Guest panel includes TAWC organizers, spokesperson, labour activists, frontline airport workers, and professors from York University and Brock University.

Monday, December 2, 2019
5:30 – 7:30pm
Nexus Lounge
12th floor – Room 130
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)
University of Toronto
252 Bloor St. West, Toronto

Free Event – no registration required. Food and refreshments
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Meet and learn about the Toronto Airport Workers’ Council (TAWC)

In its 24th year, a small group of shop stewards and workers from six of Pearson’s unions have joined forces to form the Toronto Airport Workers’ Council (TAWC), a volunteer-led, open to all workers at YYZ – union and non-union – organization that relies on direct action and workers’ education to transform the working conditions of Pearson’s airport workers. Since forming, they have managed to reduce the cost of the Union-Pearson Express train for passengers and workers alike, raise awareness and begin to change workers’ safety at Canada’s busiest airport, engage in solidarity actions and public awareness campaigns, and form cross-union workers’ education initiatives for hundreds of their co-workers.

Guest Panel:
• Sean Smith Airport worker, Mobilisation Coordinator for Unifor 2002. Representative with the Toronto Airport Workers Council.
• Jordan House Labour activist and TAWC organizer. Teaches social science at York and Brock Universities.
• Steven Tufts Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at York University. Spokesperson for TAWC.
• Paul Christopher Gray Teaches in the Department of Labour Studies at Brock University.
• Dan Janssen Airport worker who works full time as a station attendant, loading and unloading aircraft. Vice President, International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Local Lodge 2323.