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Statements

Celebration and solidarity: BCFED statement on Pride Month and Pride Season

This is the beginning of one of our favourite times of the year: Pride. It’s a season to celebrate our 2SLGBTQIA+ members, family, friends and neighbours: the contributions they make to our movement and our lives, and their enduring, invaluable presence in our community.

We celebrate even as we protest, finding joy in our unity and solidarity against discrimination, fear, hate and violence. Attacks on 2SLGBTQIA+ people have escalated exponentially, and yet we begin this season full of hope and, yes, pride.

Pride in our 2SLGBTQIA+ members, and in our members who stand with them as allies.

Pride in BC’s teachers, and the work they do to make British Columbia’s classrooms safe, open and welcoming places.

Pride in seeing our province overwhelmingly reject those seeking to exploit the terrible tragedy in Tumbler Ridge to spread ignorance, hate and fear.

And pride in everyone working to turn back the tide of hate, and to continue making our communities places where all of us can live as our full selves.

We still have a long way to go, of course. Two thirds of 2SLGBTQIA+ workers in a Canadian Labour Congress report have experienced harassment and violence at work. (That’s on top of being more likely to have trouble making ends meet.) And they’re profoundly underrepresented in legislatures and elected leadership at all levels.

But that can change. And it will, if we’re willing to do what it takes.

To 2SLGBTQIA+ members, we encourage you to consider running for office. both in our movement and in local, provincial and municipal elections. And to all of our members, we hope you’ll give them your encouragement, time and support when they do.

Be sure to show up for Pride events in your community, in a spirit of celebration and solidarity. Throughout Pride month and all year round, BC’s unions are proud to stand with 2SLGBTQIA+ workers and communities here in BC and around the world.