

Dear CUPE 4207 members,

You are invited to participate in [Student Workers Will Not Pay For the Housing Crisis!](#), an event focusing on the capitalist roots of Ontario's housing crisis and what to do about it, co-hosted by PSAC Local 901 (Queen's), CUPE 4600 (Carleton), and CUPE 2626 (Ottawa) on March 29 at 4pm ET.

We want CUPE 4207 members to participate in this event, and we've made it easy for you to get involved. **To register, simply click on this link [here](#).** *After you've registered, please share the Facebook event page with other student workers and encourage them to get involved.* You can also ask your executive to promote the event on social media and through email communication. We encourage you to read over the event and unity statement prior to registering.

The housing crisis is rampant across Ontario, and St. Catharines and Niagara are no different. These days, a one bedroom apartment costs, on average, [around \\$1300 a month](#). When compared to the minimum funding package that a domestic Master's student receives, [\\$15 576 a year](#), we can see that the cost of rent per year is more than the income that student worker earns. This is an unsustainable and unacceptable way of living, and we need to organize together, as overworked and precarious student workers, to address this crisis.

To that end, student workers at CUPE 4600, CUPE 2626, and PSAC 901 have formulated a [Statement of Unity](#), which serves as a basis to mobilize and strategize for a social system that addresses our immediate needs and gives us dignity. Unions have played a huge role in improving the condition of student workers, and we believe they can play a positive role again in addressing our housing problem.

Through education and collective struggle, we can move forward to address our needs as workers and as students. We look forward to seeing you at the event, and if you have any questions please email Doug Yearwood, Vice President Community Relations for PSAC Local 901, at [vpc@psac901.org](mailto:vpc@psac901.org).