

# WE WON'T PAY FOR THEIR CRISIS!



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Conference!



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Rassemblement Gathering  
MONDAY June 7th @ 11:30 am

Meet up in front of the Bonaventure Hilton in Montreal  
900, rue de la Gauchetière Ouest

- Organized by the Coalition Against User Fees and the Privatization of Public Services -

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Over the last couple of years, the entire planet has been plunged into yet another financial and economic crisis, all thanks to banks' and the private sector's greed for profits. While banks and corporations have seen their gains melt away, and while tens of thousands of workers have lost their jobs, CEOs' bonuses have kept increasing.

With the help of billions of dollars, successive governments have implemented economic programs to bail out their friends in the banks and the finance industry. Meanwhile, people have had to make do with a few crumbs. The only policies directed at the population only encourages mindless overconsumption. Now, the truth is clear: too many government programs have been put in place to the benefit of the richest, while the majority of the population, people in a precarious economic situation, students, and workers are pushed aside. These measures allowed banks to go right back to making gigantic profits, all the while weakening the public purse.

Now that their friends in the private sector have been saved from the crisis, our governments have taken it upon themselves to "save" public finances using a bunch of tired neo-liberal formulas. In Quebec, this has taken the following forms: announcing further tuition fee hikes, raising various taxes, putting an end to free health care, raising the cost of hydro, freezing ministry budgets, etc. All measures which widen the gap between the richest and the poorest in our society. Exit social justice and equal opportunity. This is particularly the case for women, who are overrepresented among poor people.

The Montreal Conference will take place at the Bonaventure Hilton Hotel next June 7 to 10. The political and economic rulers who have commandeered the power to make decisions for us will be gathering there. The head honcho of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the organization responsible for the gutting of public services everywhere in the world, will be there.

In opposition to these policies, the Coalition proposes to implement a fair and progressive tax regime, and to get money where it really is: rich people's pockets. Instead of turning us upside down and shaking us out for our lunch money, the government could make billions of dollars just fighting tax evasion.

Say no to user fee increases! Say no to budget cuts!

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