

## Campaign To End Youth Rates Continues

***A rally in Wellington in a couple of weeks is putting the youth rates campaign back on the agenda.***

The youth rates campaign was firmly on the agenda at the recent Youth Union Movement camp in Northland, where around 20 activists from several unions and youth activist groups came together. See a report on the camp below.

The bill to end youth rates - the *Minimum Wage (Abolition of Age Discrimination) Amendment Bill* - is a members bill in the name of Sue Bradford, and has been before the Transport and Industrial Relations Committee since March.

Not all oral submissions have been heard - the committee have heard some submissions in Auckland and Wellington, but there are still many groups who have not yet been called for their oral submission. This may take place in coming months, or early next year.

The Bill passed its first reading in February. At the first reading, Labour supported it to the select committee but have not yet fixed on a final position on whether they will continue to support it.

Meanwhile a group of student activists and young workers in Wellington are working on a march and rally in late October. The action will start at 4pm in Manners Mall on Wednesday October 25 and a 'human float' will proceed to Parliament.

Youth Union Movement have youth rates stickers printed and you can get

them from either the CTU Organising Centre in Auckland or the CTU in Wellington.

### **YUM Camp**

The youth rates campaign was one of the many issues looked at by a group of young unionists at the Youth Union Movement camp in Northland recently.

21 high school students, young workers and organisers got together over the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of September at the Kotare Centre in Wellsford, for the biennial YUM camp.

Most of the delegates were aged between 15 and 25, and included representation from AUS, NZNO, finsec, SFWU, Unite!, NDU, and the EPMU, said CTU Education Organiser Erin Polaczuk, one of the facilitators at the camp.

The camp was a mix of discussing issues affecting young workers, such as youth rates and globalisation, and

practical tools and setting plans for the future work of YUM.

Delegates at the camp all worked on their own commitments to continue the work of YUM, following the camp.

Action on youth rates was a common theme among commitments people made, Erin said. Other action points ranged from talking to their union about getting youth reps, strengthening networks with other groups like Radical Youth, trying to get YUM active in other cities, educating workers, and "telling everyone at my workplace about how good YUM camp was!"

The group discussed the need to mentor new people into leadership roles within YUM, and cinema worker Francis Nu'u was voted as a future co-convenor into the role.

The camp concluded on Sunday and the following day there was a youth rates protest organised by Radical Youth outside the electorate office of Prime Minister Helen Clark.

### **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**

The Service and Food Workers' Union has organised events marking the International Day for the Eradication of World Poverty next Tuesday 17th of October. Full details are below in the events section. There are rallies at 5pm in Auckland and 12 noon in Wellington on Tuesday, and a public meeting in Auckland on Thursday also.

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY Aotearoa is taking part in the global Month of Mobilisation (September 16 - October 17), culminating in the International Day this Tuesday.

The campaign's key objectives in Aotearoa are more and better aid to overseas countries, the cancellation of all external debts of the most impoverished countries and the establishment of a fair and transparent debt arbitration process; fair trade; and a systematic plan and timetable from government to end child poverty in New Zealand.



# CTU Calendar of Events

Listed as Event, Date/Time, Venue, Contact

## Unions Local

Unions Wellington  
Mon Oct 16, 5:00 p.m.  
CTU, Level 7, Education House, 178  
Willis St., Wellington  
pbolster@anet.co.nz

Unions Canterbury  
Tue Oct 17, 4pm  
TUC, 199 Armagh Street.  
Karen.Brown@epmu.org.nz

Unions Auckland  
Thur Oct 19, 4pm.  
Trades Hall, 147 Gt Nth Rd.  
gparsloe@seafarers.org.nz

Unions Manawatu (note revised date)  
Fri Oct 20, 3pm.  
PSA House, 41-47 King St,  
Palmerston North  
john.shennan@psa.org.nz

Unions Northland  
Tue Oct 31, 5pm.  
TUC, 7 First Ave, Whangarei  
gparsloe@seafarers.org.nz

## Other Events & Campaigns

**Wgtn WEA Lunchtime Forums**  
Monday October 16, 12.10pm-1pm  
Flr 2, Betty Campbell Cntr Harbour  
City Tower, Panama Street, Wgtn  
Today: Sharon Clair, CTU VP Maori

**Tuesday October 17th – International  
Anti Poverty Day.** Service and Food  
Workers Union's Clean Start Campaign  
- events in Auckland and Wellington.

- Auckland. Rally and March.  
Meet at Britomart at 5pm on Tues.
- Wellington. Rally and March.  
Meet at Parliament at 12noon on Tues.
- Thursday October 19th – Anti  
Poverty Forum. 6.30pm, Nga Tapuwae  
Community Centre, 253 Buckland Rd,  
Mangere.

For more information about these,  
contact Kirsty on (09) 375 2687 or  
kirsty.mccully@sfnw.org.nz



## Talking Union

Thurs, Oct 19th, 5:15 pm  
CTU Boardroom, Education House'  
178 Willis St., Wellington

## Department of Labour Consultation – Online Holiday Entitlement Tool.

Give your feedback on a proposed DoL  
website to help employees work out  
their holiday entitlements.

**Wellington:** Thursday 19 October,  
1000-1200, CTU Meeting Room, Level  
7, Education House, 178 Willis Street.  
**Auckland:** Wednesday 25 October,  
1000-1200, NZNO Meeting Room, 1  
New North Road, Symonds Street.  
Contact: andrewc@nzctu.org.nz, (04)  
385 1334 x 836

## Labour Day Party

Chris Knox & several great bands  
7:30-11:00 p.m, Monday 23rd October  
Bar Bodega, Ghuznee Street  
Wellington

## Youth Rates Rally

Weds Oct 25  
Starts 4pm Manners Mall, Wellington.  
marches to Parliament, or meet  
Parliament 4.30pm.  
www.youthratesuck.com

## TUEA Reunion

This year marks 20 years since the  
establishment of the Trade Union  
Education Authority – a milestone  
worth celebrating. Staff, members of  
the original task force, Board members  
and those associated with TUEA are  
invited to a reception at Parliament  
on Thursday 9th November. There  
is a dinner for staff to follow. If you  
are interested, please contact Suzanne  
McNabb [suzanne.mcnabb@aus.ac.nz](mailto:suzanne.mcnabb@aus.ac.nz) or  
(04) 801-4798 for further information  
and details about this event.

## Parihaka - Jan 5-7 2006

The 2nd Parihaka International Peace  
Festival runs January 5th 6th 7th 2007.  
You are invited to buy ticket/s to our  
next festival directly off us through the  
festival's website e-ticket facility. The  
offer runs from now through to 4th No-  
vember 2006. The special price before  
November 4 is \$99 per adult, after which

is will be \$135 for the remainder of the  
year. All children up to 15yrs and adults  
over 60yrs are \$10 at all times. Tickets  
at the discounted price can be purchased  
from [www.parihaka.com](http://www.parihaka.com)

## CTU Meetings, Training

### 'Embedding Pay and Employment Equity into Collective Bargaining'

Auckland 16 & 17 October (Monday/  
Tuesday). Contact Nikki Burrows on  
[nikkib@nzctu.org.nz](mailto:nikkib@nzctu.org.nz) or (04) 385 1334  
xtn 840

### Workplace Productivity Challenge: Exploring Workplace Productivity Issues.

#### Remaining seminars are as follows

Thurs 19th October, 9am-4.30  
St Columba's Centre, 40 Vermont  
Street, Ponsonby, Auckland Central  
[sandyo@nzctu.org.nz](mailto:sandyo@nzctu.org.nz) by Oct 6

Thurs 2 November, 9am-4.30  
A'fare, Lower Dent Street, Whangarei.  
[sandyo@nzctu.org.nz](mailto:sandyo@nzctu.org.nz) by Oct 20

Wed 8 November, 9am-4.30  
Te Manawa Museum, 396 Main Street,  
Palmerston North [sandyo@nzctu.org.nz](mailto:sandyo@nzctu.org.nz)  
by Oct 27

Wed 15 November, 9am-4.30  
St Johns Church, Cnr Willis & Dixon  
Streets, Wellington [sandyo@nzctu.org.nz](mailto:sandyo@nzctu.org.nz)  
by Sep 15

### Seminar on Workplace Financial Education, Superannuation and KiwiSaver

Wednesday 8 November, 0930-1230  
The first part will focus on financial  
education in the workplace and a  
presentation from the Retirement  
Commission. The second part will  
focus on KiwiSaver.

RSA Boardroom, 2nd Floor, 181 Willis  
Street (opposite the CTU), Wellington.  
Contact: [andrewc@nzctu.org.nz](mailto:andrewc@nzctu.org.nz), (04)  
385 1334 x 836

### CTU Women's Council

Nov 3 2006. CTU, Level 7, Education  
House, Willis St, Wgtn  
Make sure your union is represented.  
Contact Eileen Brown for details  
[eileenb@nzctu.org.nz](mailto:eileenb@nzctu.org.nz) / 802 3813

If you have any information about upcoming CTU events please contact:  
Sam Huggard - (04) 802 3817, email: [samh@nzctu.org.nz](mailto:samh@nzctu.org.nz)