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CUPE member wins education award

Halifax-N.S. -Donalda Fougere, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1259 (Glades Nursing Home) has been named as the winner of the Alex MacDonald Ambassador Award.

This award is given each year in memory of Brother Alex MacDonald former Secretary-Treasurer and chair of the Education Committee, Nova Scotia Federation of Labour.

Alex believed that education for workers is an important part of building the labour movement in Nova Scotia. He believed that literacy and upgrading are union issues and should be addressed with a collective union vision. He also believed that organized labour should play a central role in the development of programs that would empower workers.

Alex was instrumental in developing a partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Education to promote workplace education programs in unionized sites. The work started by Brother MacDonald continues today with the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour actively promoting workplace education. As a result of this work 60% of workplace education programs in Nova Scotia are conducted at unionized sites.

When Brother Alex MacDonald passed away suddenly in 2001, the Nova Scotia Department of Education announced that it would give an annual award that honoured his role as an ambassador of workplace education. The award is given to a union member who makes a “significant contribution to the labour movement through his or her involvement with workplace education.”

Donalda will receive the award at an awards and recognition ceremony taking place in the Hawthorne Room, Holiday Inn Harbourview, 99 Wyse Road, Dartmouth, on September 8, 2006, International Literacy Day.

10:30 am - 12:00 pm - awards & Recognition Ceremony

12:00 pm - 1 pm - Refreshments served in the City Terrace

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If you would like an invitation to the ceremony or more information, please contact Linda Wentzel, NSFL Workplace Education Co-ordinator @ 902.634.4501.

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