

STAND TOGETHER



FOR QUÉBEC

THE QUÉBEC WE WANT: THE CSN'S DEMANDS

THE CSN IS FIGHTING FOR A DIFFERENT QUÉBEC.

Authoritarianism and attacks on public services are not the way forward. A Québec that supports its workers, cares for everyone and commits to a just transition is possible.

But wishing won't make it happen. That's why the CSN is conducting its *Faire front pour le Québec/Stand Together for a Better Québec* campaign and calling on the main political parties to commit to action on our demands before the upcoming provincial election.

THE STATUS QUO IS NOT AN OPTION

The next government can't continue in the same direction. The dismantling of the welfare state, the erosion of democracy and the widening of social inequalities must stop. This road is a dead end.

Everyone is talking about the cost-of-living crisis, but the government is unwilling to do anything to spread the wealth a bit more evenly. Our public services are in trouble. So is our planet.

SIX DEMANDS FOR A DIFFERENT QUÉBEC

A BETTER FUTURE
demands radical change.

THE COMMON
good demands a different direction.

WE ARE CALLING
for meaningful progress in six key areas.

1 REDISTRIBUTE WEALTH THROUGH A FAIRER TAX SYSTEM

Quebecers are all too familiar with the mantras of zero deficit, balanced budget and austerity.

The results? Crumbling schools, overcrowded classrooms, run-down hospitals, limited access to services, an unravelling social safety net and a severe housing shortage.

Social inequalities are growing and undermining equal opportunity. Tax evasion and tax cuts only benefit the wealthy and big corporations.

The Québec we want must take a different path.
THE CSN IS DEMANDING:

An end to budget cuts and major reinvestment in public services;

Fairer distribution of wealth through a progressive tax system.

2 PROTECT WORKERS' RIGHTS

In Québec as elsewhere, democracy is under attack. The government has passed a slew of laws that undermine workers' rights. Act 14 restricts the right to strike and Bill 3 would tie us up in red tape. These measures are designed to prevent unions from effectively defending workers.

The government is going still further with bills that aim to weaken the checks and balances in our society, such as its proposed constitution. When the Québec Bar warns about a slide into authoritarianism and the erosion of the rule of law, the situation is dire. Meanwhile, misinformation is rampant and democratic debate is being hollowed out.

Québec can't move forward by attacking the people who are building it.
THE CSN IS DEMANDING:

The repeal of repressive laws;

Better funding for quality journalism to strengthen our democracy.

3 END THE PRIVATIZATION OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The public healthcare and social services system is under strain. It has been devastated by austerity and centralizing reforms. Privatization is only making things worse. It's time to stop the bleeding.

Privatization harms the common good. It particularly affects women, who make up the majority of both public system workers and users.

The number of doctors going private has surged in recent years. Private clinics are popping up everywhere. Public institutions are awarding millions in contracts to private firms. Placement agencies have been given a disproportionate role.

The CSN's position is clear: no one should profit from sickness. Increasingly, Quebecers have to pay out of pocket for services that should be publicly funded, such as home care.

To create a truly public network,
THE CSN IS CALLING FOR:

An end to the migration of staff from the public to the private sector;

No new licencing of for-profit clinics;

A moratorium on all forms of privatization of work performed by public employees, including home care.

TAKE ACTION FOR THE QUÉBEC WE WANT



EVENTS WILL BE HELD **ACROSS QUÉBEC** IN THE COMING MONTHS.

MAY 1 AND 2 2026, ACTIONS ARE PLANNED for International Workers' Day. Only by raising our voices **AND BUILDING BROAD ALLIANCES CAN WE SUCCEED.**

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4 PROMOTE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD TO UNIVERSITY

Equal opportunity in education has been compromised. The lack of spaces in educational childcare centres forces thousands of families to settle for lower-quality private childcare or postpone returning to work.

We have an unequal three-tier education system that deepens social disparities: underfunded public schools for the many, selective programs in public schools for the few, and a heavily subsidized private sector.

More than half of school support staff have experienced violence. We need action to keep staff and students safe.

To make matters still worse, the government is cutting budgets for the schools and higher education yet again.

We must do better for our children's future.
THE CSN IS DEMANDING:

A plan to convert all private daycare centres into non-profit services;

More subsidized spaces to meet the target of one spot per child;

An inclusive, accessible and free public education system;

Increased funding to support students with special needs;

More resources for facility maintenance.

5 BUILD A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND QUALITY JOBS

The state of the economy affects everyone. In uncertain times, political parties must commit to building an economy that works for workers. Industrial policy must benefit everyone in all regions of Québec.

Public money is always available for projects such as the third link or Northvolt. But when it comes to helping workers, the cupboard is bare. In a fast-changing job market, workers need support for training throughout their careers. Labour shortages and technological change aren't about to stop. For all these reasons, the government must stop playing divisive politics with immigration. Too many migrant workers live in inhumane insecurity. We must do better.

For a sustainable economy,
THE CSN WANTS:

A real industrial policy that creates quality jobs across Québec;

A lifelong continuing education strategy for workers;

A new approach to immigration: restore the balance between temporary and permanent residents, abolish closed work permits and encourage long-term settlement in Québec through permanent residency and French courses.

6 PROMOTE A JUST TRANSITION TO FIGHT THE CLIMATE CRISIS

The Trump administration's denial of climate change is dangerous. Unfortunately, our government is using this as cover to scale back its own climate action. But mismanagement of natural resources, heat waves and floods all remind us why we must act for the planet's future.

We need to transform our economy to create green jobs in every region. To do so, we must focus on a just transition to support the workers who will be most affected by the shift towards carbonneutrality. The free market won't help them.

Increased funding for public transit would ensure that infrastructure is maintained and new transit projects are developed across Québec, creating thousands of quality jobs.

The Québec we want acts for the planet.
THE CSN IS CALLING FOR:

A climate action plan to ensure a just transition;

A strategic policy for the forestry industry;

More public funding for intercity and urban transit.

