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### Support education workers in Ontario!

CUPE's 55,000 education support workers are planning a strike starting Monday, October 7, and looking for maximum support.

Please sign the petition and circulate to your colleagues.

<https://cupe.on.ca/supportededucationworkers/>

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### Get loud! Help UWOFA Librarians & Archivists avoid a strike

Western's librarians and archivists have been working hard to negotiate a fair deal with the administration. Years of budget cuts and attrition have stripped Western's library programs to the bone, leaving the staff over-worked and under-supported. Despite UWOFA's reasonable proposals, the administration refuses to make positive change or compromise. UWOFA librarians and archivists will be in a legal strike position on Tuesday, October 8th at 12:01 am. Help them avoid a strike by calling on Western's administration to do their part in creating a just, equitable settlement. Complete the letter form found here: <https://www.uwofa.ca/GetLoud>.

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### New UMFA member? Look for a luncheon invitation soon

Have you joined the University of Manitoba in the last 3 years? If so, we're working on an event just for you. In November, UMFA will hold luncheons for new members on both campuses as a way to get to know you, for you to get to know your Association, and to introduce you to some key university policies and articles in the Collective Agreement. Lunch will be provided and discussions will be facilitated by UMFA President Janet Morrill and UMFA Executive Director Greg Flemming. More details to come, so keep your eyes peeled.

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## Update: New Hires Fact Sheet

If you're new to the U of M, take a look at UMFA's "[New Hires Fact Sheet](#)". This document is a brief primer on the Association's Mandate and your Collective Agreement.

Note: if you've read the fact sheet previously, we have made corrections to the Research/Study Leave section, and to the section on Evaluation. Please review, and contact the UMFA office if you have any questions.

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## Event series - Speaking up: Conversations about an alternative future

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (MB) is running a speaker series, which features a number of UMFA members. The poster below lists the dates and topics.

**SPEAKING UP**  
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT  
AN ALTERNATIVE  
FUTURE

**MARK HUDSON** WED OCTOBER 16  
From Climate Crisis to  
Better Future

**SHELLEY MARSHALL** WED NOVEMBER 27  
Drugs: Jail or Public Health

**ABDI AHMED** THURS FEBRUARY 6  
Refugees in Manitoba 2020

**SUSAN PRENTICE** WED MARCH 25  
The Radical Potential of  
Universal Childcare 2020

**NIIGAAN SINCLAIR** MON MAY 11  
Urban Reserves 2020

**6-8 pm**  
**X-Cues, 551 Sargent Ave.**

All are welcome. No charge.  
**Join Us for a Conversation  
About a Better Future**

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for POLICY ALTERNATIVES  
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