

The Topshee Conference

The Atlantic Region Conference was initiated in 1984 to honour the memory of Reverend George Topshee (1916-1984), former Director of the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University. The purpose of the conference is to bring together community-based organizations and individuals to discuss common issues from a social justice perspective and to seek alternative solutions.

The conferences are supported in part by revenues from the Topshee Memorial Fund initiated by the Federations of Labour in the Atlantic Provinces. The conference is also supported by generous donations from co-operatives, credit unions, labour union locals and individuals.

Registration Policy

In the interest of broad public participation, there is no Conference Registration fee. Accommodation and meals are provided.

All participants requiring accommodation on campus must book their room before registration deadline of April 23, 2004. If you need a room on campus for Friday night it will be at your own expense. To book a room phone 1-902-867-2855 or email stay@stfx.ca.

Although there are no conference fees, the cost to organizers for room and board is approximately \$95.00 per person. If you can afford to help, a contribution to the conference to defray expenses will be appreciated.

Conference Speakers

Jim Stanford: Economist in the Research Department of the Canadian Auto Workers. He has conducted research on a wide range of economic topics and is author of the book "Paper Boom" published by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and Lorimer and Co.

Judith Richardson: Since the 1980s she has been pioneering in the fields of sustainable leadership, essential partnership, and international teamwork. She is also an innovator in the design, and hosting of interactive learning and self-organizing processes.

James Bickerton: Professor Political Science, St. F. X., publishing extensively on Canadian and Nova Scotia politics. A past president of the Atlantic Provinces Political Studies Association and current member of the Editorial Board for the Canadian Journal of Political Science.

Conference Chair

Sylvia Paris

Education Consultant



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"Life... will not be in terms of merchandising but in terms of all that is good and beautiful, be it economic, political, social, cultural, or spiritual."

Moses Coady

May 15 and 16, 2004

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Antigonish Nova Scotia



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The Topshee Memorial Conference is meant to provide a forum for people in Atlantic Canada to deliberate on social justice and on issues that directly affect their lives. This year's conference will challenge the assumptions of corporate globalization orthodoxy while examining the effects of international financial institutional decisions on local people, communities, economies, nation states and our world. Participants will assess international trade agreements, profile activism and resistance to the current globalization agenda and evaluate alternative trade practices in terms of workers' rights, human rights and environmental issues.

Friday Evening, May 14, 2004

- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Early Registration (Bloomfield Centre)

Saturday Morning, May 15, 2004

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Registration & Coffee (Bloomfield Centre)

Opening and President's Welcome

Keynote Address – We are honoured to have Jim Stanford, Policy Analyst for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Coffee and Speaker's Corner (take the opportunity to get up on a Soapbox and speak your mind about globalization and its effects)

Saturday Afternoon, May 15, 2004

- 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- 6:30 p.m.

Open Planning and Dialogue:

Facilitator: Judith Richardson. Conference participants will experience something a little different in how we assemble and participate in group discussions. During this session, everyone will be given the opportunity to determine the globalization topics for discussion.

Supper and Open Mic Nite

Bring an instrument. Play along with, be entertained by: **Hell's Belles**

Sunday Morning, May 16, 2004

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Plenary Dialogues: An examination of key questions arising from Saturday's discussions

Stretch

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

- 12:00 – 12:30

A Regional Perspective: Jim Bickerton. This includes a question and answer period.

Closing and Evaluation

Topshee Conference Registration Form - 2004

To register mail this form to address on front,

Or Fax 1-902-539-1614

Or E-Mail the Information on this form to lmcmulli@stfx.ca

I will require a babysitter.

I have special needs.

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Name: _____

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Email: _____

To book a university room: **Phone:** 1-902-867-2855 or **Email:** stay@stfx.ca

Note: The organizers deeply appreciate your co-operation in cancelling your registration if you are unable to attend.

Registration Deadline: April 23, 2004