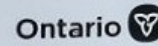
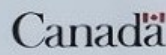


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# UNIFOR ACTION CENTRE

**Unifor Local 222**  
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## Newsletter April 2024

### Introducing the Action Centre

We are a joint venture between the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and the Unifor National Office, with the intention of assisting workers impacted by the Stellantis Brampton Assembly plant's shutdown for its transition to electric vehicles.

Specifically, we are here for workers from: Stellantis (including Trades and OC&E) - Local 1285, Android -

Local 1285, Syncreon - Local 1285, Oakley Local 1285, AWC - Local 1285, Universal - Local 1285, Team Industrial - Local 1285, Compass - Local 1285, Magna - Local 2009 AP, Lear - Local 222, CPK Interiors - Local 1917 and Maksteel - Local 252. We are primarily located in the Unifor Local 1285 Union Hall. Recognizing that many workers, especially those from Lear, live in the Durham region we have a satellite office located in the Unifor Local 222 hall in Oshawa.



or

You are invited to visit either or both locations to have a coffee and just hang out or to use our computers, look at our job search boards, attend one of our workshops, training information sessions and special events.

The Brampton location hours are Monday to Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Oshawa location is open Monday to Friday ?-?

## Meet our Staff

Our staff are also workers affected by transition. The Brampton location has two full-time Coordinators and 7 part-time Peer Helpers. The Oshawa location has one full-time Coordinator and one Peer Helper.



Jamie, Dan, Jody

**Jamie Tyron** is the Coordinator at the Oshawa location. He has a 33 year history with Lear that includes 13 years of Union involvement. He was the Plant Chairperson during the plan closure. Negotiating the closure agreement while trying to help his diverse membership with its wide range in seniority was difficult, frustrating and painful. He remembers going to the 2008 Action Centre. As the Coordinator he wants to continue to help his members and ease the transition for all our members.

**Jamie Ellis** is the Oshawa area Peer Helper. He is also from the Lear Plant and was the Benefits Representative.

**Dan Ingleston** is a Coordinator at the Brampton location. He has worked at Stellantis (Chrysler) for 26 years. Dan has 10 years of Union experience and is currently a District Representative. Coordinating the Action Centre gives him the opportunity to continue help his co-workers through a lengthy two year layoff that for some has an uncertain outcome. He values the contribution of workers who supported Brampton Assembly plant and is determined to help them find new employment.

**Jody Schneider** is also a Coordinator at the Brampton location. Jody has worked in the IPS sector for decades and has been through a number of plant closures. Most recently, she was employed at Android and has been the Plant Chairperson for 9.5 years. She was also involved in the Unifor IPS council as the recording secretary. Jody was devastated by the reality of negotiating the Android plant closure agreement, the decommissioning of the plant and finality of the payment of severance pay. As the Coordinator she sees an opportunity to help all the impacted workers find their way forward.

The Brampton location Peer Helpers are: from the Stellantis plant, **Ken Walker, Dalyce Gabriel, Wayne Hunter, Gus Kalbhenn, Lori Kerr, Joe Taglieri, Sam Hui** and from Compass, **Sabina Abiaka**, from Oakley, **Jawaad Hydell**, from CPK Interiors **Meg O'Brian** and from Magna **Tom Cameron**. All the Peer Helpers look forward meeting and working with everyone who needs a little help.

We offer workshops and training opportunities. What we offer is based on the “needs assessment” you were asked to submit. The selection will change as the needs of our members change. If you are interested in a workshop or training session contact the appropriate centre for more information.

Some of the workshops the Action Centre is currently focusing on include:

- Job Search
- Resume and Cover Letters
- Career Exploration
- How to Ace an Interview
- Interview Success

We are also focusing on training such as

- CPR
- Basic Computer



Oshawa's Schedule ???

Congratulations to our first class of CPR graduates.



Attendance at our recent EI session was better than we expected and we are considering another session.

We are hosting a

## Wellness Fair

May 8, 2024, from 11am to 3pm

Unifor Local 1285 Hall – 23 Regan Rd. Brampton

Drop In and check out the 17 booths that include:

- Health and Wellness information
- Fitness Tips
- Community Services



### Have you considered volunteering?

*Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community,*

***It can benefit you too!***

- \* Improves job skills
- \* Opportunity to meet new people
- \* Is good for your physical and mental health
- \* Keeps you active

Action Centre Contact Information

Brampton Location

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Oshawa Location