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Injured Workers stop in Belleville during 600km Bike Ride to Fight for Justice: Ride to support fair compensation for those injured at work

The Ontario Network for Injured Worker's Groups is hosting their 3rd annual bike ride, stretching from Ottawa to Toronto. Four bikers will travel through Ottawa, Cornwall, Brockville, Kingston, Belleville, Cobourg and Oshawa to shed light on the plight of injured workers in Ontario.

The riders will be stopping in Belleville on **Sunday, May 28th, 2017 at 3:00pm at Belleville City Hall**. Community members are invited to come and give them a warm welcome. The Community Advocacy & Legal Centre is also sponsoring a **Send-Off at the Brake Room (34 Dundas St E, Belleville) on May 29th, 2017 at 7:30am**. All are welcome, and light breakfast will be provided.

"The Ontario Workers' Compensation system was created to provide injured workers with their rightful compensation so that they would not become a burden on society or fall into despair", say Peter Page and Nicole Simpson, who helped organize the ride. "Yet, today, injured workers face a system that strips them of their dignity and rights to fair compensation, placing numerous obstacles in their path when seeking out their just compensation for healthcare, sustainable and safe rehabilitation, and lost wages".

Trisha Simpson, a lawyer who practices at the Community Advocacy & Legal Centre in the area of Workers' Compensation, states that "we are sponsoring and supporting this ride because of the importance of bringing attention to the current state of the Ontario Workers' Compensation system. We see so many workers denied WSIB benefits being forced to turn to other forms of income support such as social assistance. Workers assume that when they are injured at work, they will be covered and that is simply not the case for many workers under the current system."

For more information about this event, please contact CALC at 1-877-966-8686. For more information or to support the campaign, visit <http://injuredworkersonline.org>.

The Community Advocacy & Legal Centre (CALC) is a non-profit community legal clinic principally funded by Legal Aid Ontario. The clinic was founded in 1980 and provides poverty law services to low income residents of Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox & Addington counties. The clinic's main office is in Belleville, with satellite locations in Trenton, Picton, Napanee, Amherstview, Bancroft and Madoc. For more information, visit CALC's website at www.communitylegalcentre.ca.

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