

**MAY 2025**

# NEWSLETTER

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## UNIFOR (LONDON REGIONAL) ACTION CENTRE

### LOCATIONS

#### Unifor Local 88

364 Victoria St. Ingersoll, ON  
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Email: [actioncentre@unifor88.ca](mailto:actioncentre@unifor88.ca)  
Hours: 8am - 4pm

#### Unifor Local 27

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Phone: 519-455-3430 Ext 226  
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Hours: 8am - 4pm

### Roundtable Meeting at Queen's Park

Local 88 Plant Chair Mike VanBoekel and President Brent Tree met with Premier Doug Ford and Minister David Piccini on April 15 at the Ontario Legislature. They discussed ways to get laid off members into training programs and remain on EI and maintain their benefits. Skilled trades were of particular interest as there is a shortage in Ontario, and all of Canada. TALKS CONTINUE. UPDATES TO FOLLOW.



#### Needs Assessment Update!

We will be in the Cami Plant during the 2 weeks of production in May to get more completed. Come find us if you want to get this done in person. Other plants can await their phone call or visit the Action Centre, as we are slowly working through them.

### JOB FAIRS

- May 1<sup>st</sup> Lion's Auditorium, Tillsonburg 1-5pm
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Auditorium, Norfolk County 1-6pm
- June 27<sup>th</sup> Covent Market Place, London 11-2pm

### Mental Health Week is May 5-11

Race Against the Darkness on May 23. Two GM Canada employees will set out on an extraordinary journey—running and walking **152 kilometers** non-stop from GM CAMI (Ingersoll) to GM St. Catharines. Their mission? To raise awareness for men's mental health and suicide prevention. Anyone can join in and walk, run, or cycle any length they would like.  
<https://unifor88.ca/race-against-the-darkness-t-shirt-order-mental-health/>

*Watch for updates on the Union websites and Facebook pages.*

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## REMINDER

### **2025 Unifor National Scholarship Application Period is OPEN!**

To assist in making education more accessible, we have established 28 scholarships of \$2,000 each to children of Unifor members and a Unifor member entering their first year of post-secondary studies.

Application process closes  
Friday June 20.

<https://www.unifor.org/resources/education/scholarships>



**Working Together**

*Questions? Please reach out to us at [actioncentre@unifor88.ca](mailto:actioncentre@unifor88.ca) or [lractioncentre@local27.ca](mailto:lractioncentre@local27.ca).*

## IN THE WORKS!

### **WORKSHOPS AT LOCAL 27 IN MAY**

- May 6 @ 11am Better Jobs Ontario and Apprenticeship Workshop
- May 13 @ 11am Resumes, Interview Skills, and Job Search Workshop
- May 20 CPR x First Aid (time & registration TBD)
- May 21 Smart Serve and Food Handling (time & registration TBD)
- May 22 Basic Computer Training (time & registration TBD)

### **WORKSHOPS AT LOCAL 88 IN MAY**

- May 21 Service Canada Rep available from 11am-4pm

**\*We will be scheduling First Aid and BJO/Apprentice Workshops at LOCAL 88 in June.**

**P.O.E.M. - 8 Ball Tournament May 10<sup>th</sup> at Hustler Billiards in London, ON. Registration fee \$20/player Cash only, deadline for entries is May 5<sup>th</sup>.**