



## NextGen News: Focused on the Future

### IBEW Sisters and Brothers Join Women's March

On Saturday, January 21, millions marched around the world in Women's Marches held in many cities and towns, speaking out against hate and inequality. IBEW Sisters and brothers marched, organized and supported many of these marches, across Canada and throughout the US.



Check out Local 213 sister Lisa Langevin being interviewed by Breakfast Television in Vancouver on what's next after the Women's March. Great job sisters!

[www.btvancouver.ca/videos/whats-next-for-the-organizers-of-the-womens-march-in-vancouver/](http://www.btvancouver.ca/videos/whats-next-for-the-organizers-of-the-womens-march-in-vancouver/)

### NextGener Named NDP Caucus Chair

Manitoba MP Daniel Blaikie was elected as the NDP's caucus chair Tuesday afternoon, replacing Ruth Ellen Brosseau as the House returns next week. Blaikie, the brother of former party president Rebecca Blaikie and the son of former MP Bill Blaikie, narrowly defeated Conservative incumbent Lawrence Toet in the 2015 federal election and has been serving as Treasury Board critic.



He takes over from Ruth Ellen Brosseau, who filled in for Charlie Angus when Angus stepped down as caucus chair in late November to explore a leadership run.

Brother Blaikie is an electrician and member of Local 2085, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Brother Blaikie has spoken at many IBEW events and is a strong labour advocate in our Federal Government.

### NextGens Show Up and Speak Out Against Schedule 17: Ontario

Protests across the province of Ontario continued in January, with protests taking place on Friday, January 13th at Ontario Minister of Labour, Kevin Flynn's office, and the following Friday with Local 105 in Hamilton, Local 115 in Kingston, Local 804 in Guelph, Local 586 in Ottawa, Local 120 in London and Local 530 in Sarnia. There are two main issues with Schedule 17 that compromise worker and public safety:



1. It compromises safety by allowing general workers to do work currently done by skilled trades (both unionized and non unionized).
2. It will make it easier to get away with having unskilled workers doing the tasks of skilled trades. Because the Ontario Labour Relations Board will be the new board of appeal for illegal work tickets, a worker's Certification of Qualification will no longer be the deciding factor, and the burden of proof will become unrealistically high. Contact your Local Union to find out what you can do.

### RENEW/NextGen Conference Announced

International President Lonnie Stephenson has announced the 2017 RENEW/NextGen Conference will be held in Pittsburgh. Themed **Building Bridges to our Future**, after the city of bridges, the conference will be held at the Westin Convention Centre in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania on Tuesday September 19, 2017 through Saturday September 23, 2017. The Conference will focus on workshops and training activities that invest in the future of our organization. This will mark the third conference and we are hoping to have a large Canadian delegation. Talk to your Local Union Leadership for more information.

### NextGen Local Union Committees

Contact Kate Walsh ([kate\\_walsh@ibew.org](mailto:kate_walsh@ibew.org)) to submit an article on your Local Union NextGen Committee for the next newsletter. We want to hear from you!

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