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Registered Nurses' Union Joins the NL Federation of Labour

St. John's – The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour (NLFL) announced today that the Registered Nurses' Union Newfoundland and Labrador (RNU) has joined its federation.

While the organizations have a long history of collaboration, RNU and NLFL will now work together under a formal partnership. As a NLFL member, RNU joins the nearly 25 affiliated unions representing over 70,000 workers in the province.

Mary Shortall, NLFL President, welcomes RNU and its 5,300 members.

"We're excited to welcome such an active, passionate and committed union to our organization," said Shortall. "Registered nurses are the largest group of health care providers in our province. Our advocacy and political work will be stronger with the expertise and voice of RNU and its members."

Debbie Forward, President of RNU is optimistic about the possibilities this venture holds.

"We're proud to become a member of this progressive and powerful voice of labour in our province," said Forward. "Joining the NLFL is an opportunity to build and strengthen an already positive relationship. Having a strong voice of labour has never been more important given the challenges facing our province, including pressure to reduce health care spending."

The NLFL has represented union members and workers in the province since 1936. The NLFL fights for better labour laws and strong, accessible public services such as universal health care, education, worker training, elder/home care and child care and early learning. Several key advocacy areas include a \$15 minimum wage, better occupational health and safety regulations, and pharmacare.

RNU members will have the opportunity to run for NLFL board positions, participate in committees and attend federation conventions.

RNU represents more than 5,300 registered nurses working in acute care, long-term care, community, education, and research in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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