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A newsletter for NUPE members at IDSS

NUPE NEWS

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IDSS NEGOTIATIONS: Paid Union Meeting for NUPE members

There will be a paid union meeting for NUPE members employed by NMDHB across the IDSS as follows:

VENUE	DATE	TIME
Braemar Haines Building Meeting Room	Friday 20 May 2011	10.30am to 11.30am

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:

1. the Collective Agreement negotiations with NMDHB; and
2. Sleepovers and other issues that may impact on NUPE members.

The employer will ensure that as many members as possible can attend subject to allowing the employers' operations to continue.

Rutherford Initiative

The union has been consulted on various aspects of the Rutherford Initiative. We will report on these at the meeting.

Sleepovers –

NUPE met with the Minister of Health Tony Ryall on 13 April about the sleepover situation. The Minister stated that he had no intention of paying out \$350m in back pay for sleepovers but was interested in a negotiated outcome. Unions (not NUPE) have been meeting with employers on the matter and the most recent meeting was on 27 April. This is likely to lead to a legislated outcome detailing how much back pay would be paid out and setting sleepover rates for the future. (The IHC has in any event appealed the Court of Appeal decision saying that sleepovers must be paid the minimum wage to the Supreme Court.) More at the meeting.

Christchurch Earthquake –

The union was seriously disrupted by the earthquake since Christchurch is our base. We have moved to 520 Cranford St since the Trade Union Centre is still in the red zone. Our fax is 03 354 3547 and our phone still 03 377 3582.

Look for information updates on our website www.nupe.org.nz

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