

# Allies & Partners

What do environmentalists like David Suzuki and actors like Jason Priestly have in common with Mexican miners or human rights activists in Zimbabwe? They are members of organisations who are allies or partners of the United Steelworkers. Below is information about the Steelworkers working hand-in-hand with partners and allies around the world.

## ACTRA

Website: [www.actra.ca](http://www.actra.ca)

The USW has a strategic alliance with the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA), the union of Canadian film and television performers. ACTRA represents 21,000 professional performers in the English-language recorded media. Together, we are taking on the globalization of cultural industries and addressing common issues such as foreign ownership.

## Broadbent Institute

Website: [www.broadbentinstitute.ca](http://www.broadbentinstitute.ca)

The United Steelworkers is proud to support the Broadbent Institute in their pursuit of progressive change through the promotion of democracy, equality and sustainability and the training of a new generation of leaders. Through research reports, polling and policy proposals, the institute is a fresh, progressive voice on the issues that matter to working people.

## Canadian Labour Congress

Website: [www.canadianlabour.ca](http://www.canadianlabour.ca)

The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) is the umbrella organization for dozens of affiliated Canadian and international unions, as well as provincial federations of labour and regional labour councils, representing the interests of more than 3 million workers coast to coast.

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## Communications Workers of America

Website: [www.cwa-scacanada.ca](http://www.cwa-scacanada.ca)

A strategic alliance signed in 2007 strengthened longstanding ties and collaboration between the Steelworkers and the Canadian Region of the Communications Workers of America (CWA). CWA Canada has 9,000 members in Canadian media, including newspapers, broadcasting, news agencies and online media, as well as in social work, interpretation services and light industry.

## Environmental Defence & Blue Green Canada

Website: [www.bluegreencanada.ca](http://www.bluegreencanada.ca)

The United Steelworkers and Environmental Defence teamed up to create Blue Green Canada, an alliance between Canadian labour unions and environmental and civil society organizations. Blue Green Canada advocates for working people and the environment by promoting solutions to environmental issues that have positive impacts on employment and the economy.

The alliance is based on the realization that a future sustainable economy must provide good jobs and protect the environment, not one or the other.

Blue Green Canada was formed in 2008 by a strategic alliance between the United Steelworkers and Environmental Defence, and now includes the Communications, Energy and Paper Workers Union of Canada (CEP), the Columbia Institute, the Pembina Institute and Tides Canada.

## IndustriALL

Website: [www.industrialall-union.org](http://www.industrialall-union.org)

IndustriALL Global Union represents 50 million workers in 140 countries in the mining, energy and manufacturing sectors and is a new force in global solidarity, taking up the fight for better working conditions and trade union rights around the world.

IndustriALL challenges the power of multinational companies and negotiates with them on a global level. IndustriALL fights for another model of globalization and a new economic and social model that puts people first, based on democracy and social justice. USW is a founding member of IndustriALL.

#### Los Mineros (National Union of Mine and Metal Workers of the Mexican Republic)

Website: [www.sindicatominero.org.mx](http://www.sindicatominero.org.mx)

The United Steelworkers supports Los Mineros, the National Miners' and Metalworkers' Union of Mexico (SNTMMSRM). We stand in solidarity with workers and trade unionists in Mexico and their fight for labour and human rights. The USW has assisted Los Mineros secretary-general Napoleon Gomez, who is currently living in exile in Canada. For more than four years the Mexican government has conducted a campaign of repression against Gomez and Los Mineros, fabricating false charges and seizing the union's bank accounts. Charges against Gomez and Los Mineros were dismissed by the Mexican superior court in 2010. In 2012, the Supreme Court of Mexico restored legal recognition to Gomez. The Mexican government continues to deny Los Mineros the rights it is entitled to as a free and democratic union.

#### iTaxiworkers

Website: [www.itaxiworkers.ca](http://www.itaxiworkers.ca)

Bringing together taxi drivers and associations, the iTaxiWorkers association works to improve the rights and working conditions of Ontario taxi workers. Uniting the many voices in the taxi industry, iTaxiWorkers advocates for regulatory reform, lower insurance rates and recognition of taxi drivers as independent workers in Ontario.

Working with the USW, iTaxiworkers has access to legal and paralegal expertise to defend the rights of members. iTaxiworkers is run by and for taxi drivers

#### Workers Uniting

Website: [www.workersuniting.org](http://www.workersuniting.org)

Workers Uniting, representing three million members, is the international union created by Unite, the biggest union in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and the United Steelworkers, North America's largest private sector union. Workers Uniting is building international labour activism, recognizing that uniting as workers across international boundaries is the only way to challenge the injustices of globalization.

Workers Uniting draws on the energies of more than three million active and retired workers from the United States, Canada, Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland who work in virtually every sector of the global economy, including manufacturing, service, mining and transportation