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News release

New Brunswick needs to do more! Jean-Claude Basque

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Moncton - ``We are celebrating Human Rights Day, but for workers in New Brunswick, there is still a way to go before the rights in Article 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are completely applied.`` says Jean-Claude Basque

On this day, it is important to remember Article 23 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* which recognizes the right of male and female workers to:
just and favourable remuneration ensuring for themselves and their family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection; the right to equal pay for equal work and the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of their interests.

The Common Front for Social Justice is organizing a Luncheon at the Moncton Lions Community Centre under the theme: **Stand up for someone's rights today!**

``Ann Troop and Chantal Landry, members of the Common Front will talk about the right of a just and favourable remuneration which is not too much respected when we have minimum wage workers who can't live in dignity.

Johanne Perron, executive director of the NB Coalition for Pay Equity, will explain that we have the right to equal pay for equal work, but this right has been expanded to pay equity and we still don't recognize this right in the private sector.

Patrick Colford , president of the NB Federation of Labour and Serge Landry, representative with the Canadian Labour Congress will address the obstacles to unionization in our province.``

``As the theme clearly indicates, we still need to defend someone's rights today and we chose to defend the rights of workers`` concludes M. Basque

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