



## Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour Statement against Islamophobia

**In response to the tragic and senseless act of violence towards a Muslim Family  
killed in London, Ontario, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour (NLFL) was shocked and heartbroken to hear yesterday's news from London, Ontario. We would like to send our deepest condolences to the relatives and friends of the family brutally killed in a vehicle hit and run, as they walked down a neighbourhood street.

Our hearts are with the young boy who has lost his sibling Yumma Salman, parents Salman Afzaal and Madiha Salman, and grandmother in this heinous act. We mourn all the lives that are lost due to Islamophobia, racism and all violent acts of hatred.

The four family members, from three generations, were openly targeted because they were Muslim. Such hate has no place in a civilized society. Muslims should feel safe and welcomed across all parts of Canada.

On behalf of the 70,000 members of our Federation, we are committed to fighting Islamophobia and all forms of racism and discrimination. We call on governments at all levels to develop anti-racism policies and actions now.

Respectfully,

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