

ELECT

JEISHAN RAJAKULASINGAM

FOR

ETFO - Toronto Occasional Teachers' Local 2022/2023 Executive Member

Credentials

- ETFO-TORONTO OT LOCAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER 2020-22
- RACIALIZED MEMBERS COMMITTEE CHAIR 2020-22
- COLLECTIVE BARGAINING TEAM 2021-22
- POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE CHAIR 2020-21
- EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR 2019-20
- ETFO ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATE 2020, 2021, 2022
- ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOUR BIENNIAL CONVENTION DELEGATE 2021
- ETFO OT LOCAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTOR ALTERNATE 2020-22
- 8 YEARS OT/LTO EXPERIENCE



Bio

Advocating

- FAIR HEALTH AND DENTAL BENEFITS FOR ALL OTS
- ACCESS TO PAID SICK DAYS FOR DAILY OTS
- ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR OTS
- PAID PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR OTS
- HEALTHY AND SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OTS
- GREATER UNION TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNICATION WITH OTS
- INCREASE MEMBER INVOLVEMENT
- DECREASING MINIMUM DAY REQUIREMENTS TO STAY ON OT LIST FOR RETIRED TEACHERS

My name is Jeishan Rajakulasingam and I am running for Executive Member for the ETFO - Toronto Occasional Teachers' Local. As a Tamil refugee who has fled civil war and a genocide in Sri Lanka with my family and experienced oppression and injustice, I can proudly say I am a resilient Tamil-Canadian activist. I see the great potential of this union local. That is why over the last several years I have committed my time and efforts to make a difference in this union with the goal of empowering our members and bettering working conditions for all our OTs.

My vision for our local is to provide our members with fair health and dental benefits, paid sick days, paid professional development days for OTs, healthy and safe work environments, and greater union transparency and communication with all OTs, increasing member involvement, and decreasing minimum days to stay on the OT list for our retired teachers. I have been an OT/LTO for the last 8 years of my teaching career. I currently sit on the ETFO - Toronto OT Local's Executive as an Executive Member and as the 2021/2022 Racialized Members Committee Chair of our local. I have played an integral part as a grassroots member in organizing, hosting, and empowering members through various workshops with the Equity and Social Justice Committee, Political Action Committee, and the Racialized Members Committee in our local over the past years. I was a delegate at the 2021 Ontario Federation of Labour's Biennial Convention advocating for all Ontario workers and also have been a voting delegates at the 2020, 2021, and now the 2022 ETFO Annual Meeting. If elected, I will continue to be able to work directly with our Local's Executive and advocate on your behalf for the benefit of all our members.