



**DON'T STOP, UNTIL  
YOU'VE CHANGED  
THE WORLD!**

## **District 6 Conference 2018**

**Blue Mountain, Ontario  
September 4 – 8, 2018**

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*"It is once again time for District 6 members to come together to change our world! I want to reconnect and build on the great activism and sense of community that we started in Sault Ste. Marie. It's time to Power Up and make a difference"*

*Marty Warren, USW District 6 Director*

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## How to Register

Online REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 30, 2018. Visit [usw.ca/d6conf2018](http://usw.ca/d6conf2018).

*Note: a **unique email address** is required for each registrant. Registration is not limited.*

**Fees:** Cheque envelope must be postmarked by dates below to be eligible for the fee.

Early Bird:	\$400 – by June 30, 2018
Regular:	\$450 – by August 15, 2018
Late/at the door:	\$500 – after August 15, 2018
Next Gen (age 35 and under):	\$200 – first 50 Next Gen delegates by June 30, 2018

Payment and mailing information will be included in your registration confirmation email.

**Registration includes:**

- Conference kit and USW swag
- Welcome Reception (Tuesday)
- Lunch for each full day of conference (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
- Director's Dinner & Concert (Friday)

Onsite child care will be available. Complete the child care section during online registration.

For assistance, contact the District 6 office at 416-243-8792.

## Where to Stay

For hotel booking details and maps, visit the HOTEL BOOKING section at [usw.ca/d6conf2018](http://usw.ca/d6conf2018).

**Reservations:** Rooms are blocked at the conference rate from Sunday, Sept. 2 – Saturday, Sept. 8 (check out Sunday, Sept. 9). Based on availability, the conference rate may be extended to three days prior to the block start and two days after the conference end. Check-in: 4:00 p.m. Check-out: 11:00 a.m.

The room block cut off is Aug. 1, 2018. After this date, availability & room rate is not guaranteed.

Reservations require a credit card and first night deposit. Cancellation or changes, including early departure, must be made five days prior to arrival.

**Rates:** Various room types are available, from singles to 3-bedroom suites. Rates vary depending on room type from \$158-\$372 (+HST)/night.

**Parking:** Outdoor parking is complimentary. Covered underground parking is \$15/day.

Delegates are responsible for making their own hotel bookings.

## How to Get There

Blue Mountain is roughly a two-hour drive north-west of Toronto near Collingwood, Ontario.

**Air travel:** contact Lorna Parent: [lorna@wetravel.net](mailto:lorna@wetravel.net) or by phone: 613-232-9908 or 1-888-676-7747

*Note: a booking fee of \$62.15 per airline ticket will apply.*

If booking your own Air Canada travel, use Promo Code: **8JW97BE1** for a 10% discount on Flex Fares.

**Bus/Limo:** suggested rental companies: [acecabs.ca](http://acecabs.ca); [dennysbuslines.ca](http://dennysbuslines.ca)

**Car Rental:** Discount codes for **Budget: A292300** or **Enterprise: NA40119** (mid-sized vehicles only).

*Note: Rates fluctuate based on advance bookings and availability. Special offer rates may be lower than discount code rates.*

Delegates are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

## Agenda Highlights

### Tuesday, September 4

Registration	4:00 pm
Area Council Caucus Meetings	6:00 pm
Welcome Reception	8:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 5

Registration	7:45 am
New Delegate Orientation	8:00 am
Call to Order	9:00 am
Diversity Caucus Meetings	4:30 pm
Blue Mountain Village Event	6:00 pm

### Thursday, September 6

Call to Order	9:00 am
Keynote: Mary Walsh	
Community Action Event	

### Friday, September 7

Call to Order	8:30 am
Workshops (morning)	
Plenary (afternoon)	
Director's Dinner & Concert*	6:00 pm

### Saturday, September 8

Conference Closing	10:00 am
Adjournment	12:00 pm

*\*Guest tickets will be available for purchase for the Director's Dinner & Concert (Friday evening) at onsite registration for \$25 each. Cash only. Must be 19 years of age or older.*

## Keynote Speaker

### Mary Walsh

**Acclaimed Comedian | Mental Health Advocate**

Acclaimed comedian Mary Walsh is best known for her multi-Gemini-Award-winning work on CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, the long-running satiric current events program she created, and which showcases her dynamic range of hilarious characters. Outside of her work in television and film, Mary is also a respected mental health and addiction awareness advocate who shares her prior experience with alcoholism in an effort to create change in the lives of others.



Mary wrote, produced and starred in the Gemini Award-winning show *Hatching, Matching and Dispatching*, and was nominated for two Genie Awards for her performances in the feature films *Crackie* and *New Waterford Girl*.

Her recent television credits include appearances on *Republic of Doyle*, *Rookie Blue* and on HBO Canada's *Sensitive Skin*, which garnered her a 2017 Canadian Screen Award nomination.

Mary is also known for appearing in the films *Mambo Italiano*; *The Divine Ryans* with Pete Postlethwaite; *Violet*, in which she played the title role; and most recently in *The Grand Seduction* and *Closet Monster*, which were official selections at TIFF 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Among her many awards and honorary doctorates, Mary is also the recipient of the Order of Canada and the Governor General's Lifetime Achievement Award in the Performing Arts.

## Workshops

*Get ready for a new style in workshops. This conference we have invited Canada's experts to bring thought provoking ideas, dialogue and conversation to our delegates. Four one-hour workshops will be offered – delegates will choose three out of the four to attend. Selection will take place onsite. Whichever workshops you choose, they promise to be equally interesting, engaging and informative, providing you with real value to bring back to your workplace and to share with your membership.*



**Paula Todd** is professor of journalism and one of Canada's foremost investigative writers. Her newest book *Extreme Mean: Trolls, Bullies and Predators Online*, is a study in the motives and ramifications of cyber abuse. Paula speaks on digital behaviour and influence, journalism, literacy and freedom of the press.

**Ian Keteku** is an award-winning poet, author, musician and multi-media artist committed to using words as a prescription for society's complications. He uses his own voice to inspire messages of peace, action and critical thought. Ian conducts workshops, inspiring people to accept the power of their own voice.

**Bill Carr** is known as a multi-media artist, an actor, humorist, writer, speaker and social activist. For over twenty-five years, Bill has been making people laugh at what's trivial while helping them think deeply about what counts.

**Michael Kaufman, Ph.D.** is an author and educator focused on engaging men and boys to promote gender equality and to end violence against women. He co-founded the White Ribbon Campaign in 1991, the largest network of men working to ending violence against women worldwide.

## Special Events

### Welcome Reception (Tuesday, September 4, 8:30 – 11:00 p.m.)

Director Marty Warren invites you to kick off the conference in the Georgian Bay Ballroom of the Village Conference Centre. Come out to enjoy a little food and beverage and connect with sisters and brothers from across the District.

### Director's Dinner & Concert (Friday, September 7, 6:00 p.m.)

Let's celebrate our 2018 conference together at this very special event in The Courts of the Village Conference Centre. Enjoy a bountiful buffet dinner followed by live music by Shanya Lynn Dawson, a firecracker on Canada's country music scene and Freedom Train, a power-based trio influenced by the best of classic rock.

Guest tickets may be purchased at onsite registration for \$25 each (cash only). Must be 19 years of age or older.

**Also Featuring MC & DJ:** Chris Topliss, USW Local 6565.

