

# Workers - organise distribution!

Everyday, in every structure, workers are saying there is not enough information. But without information, how can there be democracy? How can workers control COSATU? To build worker democracy and control there has to be the fullest information on every issue facing COSATU members. The information is usually there. The problem is how to use it; how to distribute it; how to get it to every single structure and every single COSATU member. An unemployed worker concerned with distribution looks at this problem.

Media is a way of sharing information amongst workers. Through media we know what is happening to our comrades in other places. We use a pamphlet

or minutes or newspapers to coordinate joint actions in our daily struggles.

The bosses media write a lot about what the bosses and government say and want. They write little about our struggle and our victories against the bosses. The bosses media want to keep workers in the dark. How can we fight this type of reporting? One way is through our own media - by the workers, for the workers.

But will worker media serve its purpose if what we write doesn't reach the workers? What about the tens of thousands of rands it costs for collecting news, writing, laying out, editing, printing, delivering of material etc? Just imagine how much money is lost if we do not use what little we

have.

The problem will only be solved if we all work to build distribution. Everyone can help to make this possible. Information must go from the membership to the leadership and from the leadership to the membership. COSATU will soon appoint a full-time person on distribution. But distribution can only get better if every shop steward and active worker organises to make it happen. Distribution of information must be organised. It is a serious task. All serious workers should contact your COSATU structure to help with the task now. Your democracy and your control depends on you improving the flow of information to all workers.



☆ Do you draw or paint? COSATU Culture and Media Departments want to make contact with workers who are drawing and painting. Please write to us at Box 1019, Johannesburg 2000 or phone 011-492-1441.

☆ Does Cosatu News reach you? COSATU CEC decided nearly two years ago that Cosatu News must only be distributed to those unions who give information of how many copies they want; in which language and to what address. So only some COSATU affiliates will get Cosatu News. These unions will have even less information than before. Help us to get all unions to give the information so all COSATU members can get Cosatu News.

☆ COSATU still has a lot of calendars and diaries for sale.

They cost R4 each. You can get them from your COSATU regional office or you can phone comrade Peter at 011-4921440 and order what you need.



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