At the recent CUPE leadership conference the OFL distributed three new publications. The first of these publications *The Rising of Us All* points out the proponents of neoliberalism and austerity are attempting to create fears about economic security and to roll back the social and economic gains of society brought by previous labour struggle. The booklet explains how attacks on labour rights are part of an austerity agenda that hurts all working people and exacerbates inequality. Specific threats to the social and economic gains are identified. We are informed the OFL will be producing companion material, which will form a tool-kit for popular education on the role and value of labour unions and collective action. The OFL recommends that local unions and community groups organize workshop presentations.

The second of these publications is entitled *Working for Less*. The booklet points out that the Ontario government Bill 115 attack on teachers and the public education system is just one of the many federal and provincial government attacks on workers taking place as part of the neoliberal austerity agenda. The attacks in clued back to work legislation, changes to labour laws and onerous accounting procedures to restrict union political action in defense of their members and social programs benefiting society at large. Those behind the austerity agenda are even using the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party and its leader, Tim Hudak to proclaim their aim as the end of unions in the economy of the 21st Century and threatening the abolition of the Rand Formula dues check off procedure in order to achieve this aim. The booklet concludes that unions must defend their collective bargaining rights as fundamental to a strong economy and better equality of life for all workers and also step up the political struggle for real democracy that prioritizes equality and social justice.

The third booklet is possible the most ambitious of the three. It follows from the discussions elaborated in the building of the common front to resist austerity last fall. The third booklet is a green paper calling for the drafting by the people of Ontario of a people’s budget consistent with the people’s needs and aspirations. While such a budget can not be financed by Ontario’s oil revenue and should not be financed by fracking southern Ontario or striping the ‘ring of fire’ resources in an exploitative and unsustainable manner it can be supported by rational use of natural resources and the restoration of Ontario’s original manufacturing capability. However one thing is clear, the previous corporate tax cuts and corporate subsidies to the rich are unsustainable. They have given rise to an artificial deficit being used to push an agenda of austerity and further privatization of public services and financialization of Ontario’s economy.