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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Lynn was born and raised in Truro. She moved to Halifax in 1972 to attend Dalhousie University, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Since 1979, Lynn has been employed by Canada Employment and Immigration as an Employment Counsellor.

Lynn is both a community activist and a labour activist.

As a member of the Afro-Canadian Caucus, she worked on the Caucus's recommendations to the Marshall Inquiry.

Lynn was instrumental in co-ordinating the Volunteer Committee of the Halifax Chapter of the Canadian Paraplegic Association.

As a Board Member of the Skaling Youth Association, Lynn was active in determining the direction of the programming available to the young people of Halifax.

Lynn has been a leader of the labour movement at both the local and national level and has been instrumental in changing the face of the Canadian labour movement.

Lynn was the first black woman elected as a Vice President of the Canadian Labour Congress, which represents 2.8 million workers. She is also the National Vice-President for Women's Issues within a component of the Public Service Alliance of Canada.

Lynn has worked to make the Canadian labour movement more inclusive. She initiated national conferences dealing with issues affecting women, aboriginals and gays and lesbians.

Lynn has also taken the lead on fighting poverty and unemployment. In 1992, she co-ordinated the Halifax campaign to preserve and protect our national unemployment insurance program.

Lynn has tackled racism and sexism through her involvement in both the labour movement and the community. Parks Canada, at Citadel Hill and across the country, now involve women and visible minorities in their enactments, due in part to Lynn's efforts.