RILEY FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE FUNDING REPORT

The Riley Fellowship conference funding was used to support 4 free public events at the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike Centenary Conference (http://1919-2019.com) at the University of Winnipeg, 8-11 May 2019.

1. **Remembering 1919: Commemoration and the Winnipeg General Strike.**
   Opening reception and panel discussion, chaired by Rhonda Hinther and featuring:
   - Sharon Reilly, "Curating the Winnipeg General Strike"
   - Tom Monteyne, "The 1919 Marquee: A Monument to the Winnipeg General Strike"
   - Noam Gonick, "Bloody Saturday Streetcar Monument"
   - Danny Schur, "Stand! The Movie Musical"
   - David Frank, "Putting History to Work: Public History and Commemoration"

2. **Poverty and the Fight for a Material Existence (The Fight for a Better Life).**
   Roundtable, chaired by Maureen Morrison and featuring:
   - John Clarke (Ontario Coalition Against Poverty)
   - Victor Elkins (Former President, Hospital Employees' Union, Vancouver)
   - Sean Smith (Toronto Airport Workers' Council)

3. **Building an Inclusive Labour Movement (Solidarity Across Borders)**
   Roundtable, chaired by Leslie Spillett and featuring:
   - Fred Hahn (President, CUPE Ontario)
   - Yolanda McClean (Diversity Vice-President, CUPE)
   - Chris Ramsaroop (Justice for Migrant Workers)
   - Jerry Woods (Past Chair, MB Human Rights Commission and Indigenous Labour Rights Activist)

4. **Making Labour a Social Force and Political Leader (Building a Working-Class Alternative)**
   Roundtable, chaired by David Bleakney and featuring:
   - Scott Crichton (IBEW 424, Alberta Labour History Institute Board)
   - Alia Karim (Fight for $15 Movement, Toronto)
   - Suzanne MacNeil (President, Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council)
   - Basia Sokal (President, Winnipeg Labour Council)

The conference was attended by just over 300 delegates. The four free public events funded by the Riley Fellowship were very well attended; Riddell Hall was packed with people, with standing room only at times.

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