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National Workshops Drive "My Home My Community" Initiative Forward

Over the course of two days, CACL and IRIS staff, PT ACL members, and community partners met in Toronto to plan on how to create safe and inclusive housing through CACL's national [My Home My Community \(MHMC\)](#) initiative.

"Ten of thousands of Canadians with intellectual disabilities don't have access to safe, inclusive, and affordable housing. MHMC is designed to confront this challenge and ensure that all Canadians have a say in where they live and how they live," says Krista Carr, Executive Vice-President at CACL.

[Read more](#)



The Alliance for an Inclusive and Accessible Canada: Disability Community Consultations

The Alliance for an Inclusive and Accessible Canada wants to hear from you! Over the next two months, the Alliance will be consulting Canadians with disabilities and their allies about the Government of Canada's proposed accessibility law. Consultations include an online survey, in-person public sessions and topical discussion groups, as well as online and telephone discussion groups. As a member of the Alliance, CACL encourages you to participate in these disability community consultations.

[Find a consultation near you and complete the online survey!](#)



Living our Values: Niagara Casinos Embraces Inclusion

Niagara Casinos has strong organizational values and it is these values that formed the foundation for a strategy to implement inclusive hiring.

Julia Tiessen, Senior Human Resources Operations Manager explains, "The return on investment we have experienced through hiring inclusively is a result of the commitment by individuals in our organization that want this program to succeed."

[Read more](#)



Publication for Download: Advancing Inclusive Education

Advancing Inclusive Education: Keys to transformational change in public education systems is published by Gordon Porter, Director of [Inclusive Education Canada](#) and David Towell, Director of [Centre for Inclusive Futures](#).

This pamphlet features stories of inclusion in Canada, keys to transformation, and system-wide implications of inclusive education.

[Read and download here](#)

CACL in Action!

Highlights of our recent national and international work.

- Krista Carr, CACL Executive Vice-President, and Michael Bach, Managing Director of IRIS, met with senior civil servants in Ottawa to discuss CACL's strategic priorities, including medical assistance in dying and safe and inclusive housing.
- CACL and IRIS staff, PT ACL members, and community partners met in Toronto over two days to engage in planning on how to create safe and inclusive housing through CACL's national [My Home My Community](#) initiative.
- Doris Rajan, Director of Social Development at IRIS, participated in a [ReelAbilities Film Festival panel](#) for the film, *Sanctuary*, discussing topics of disability, sexuality, and consent.
- Doris Rajan, Director of Social Development at IRIS, spoke at the Ontario Arts Council's event for Sexual Assault Prevention Month about the IRIS and Roshanak Jaberri project, [No Woman's Land](#).



Welcoming New Staff!

Eugene van Wyk, Senior Development Officer



Apply for the 2017 Centennial Flame Research Award

(covering Erin Terwissen's maternity leave)

I come from a background in non-profit and secondary education fundraising in South Africa. I have worked in the disability sector for many years and am looking forward to working with this excellent team on some exciting new initiatives!

Daria Petrovic, National Resource Coordinator (covering Radha MacCulloch's maternity leave)

I've had the privilege of working on the [Ready, Willing & Able](#) team for the past year and am very excited to be transitioning into the role of National Resource Coordinator. I am looking forward to bringing my passion for system level analysis, social service administration, and inclusive hiring to the role.

The Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills & Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities is inviting Canadians with disabilities to apply for the Centennial Flame Research Award.

This award of \$5,500 is given to a person with a disability to enable him or her to conduct research and prepare a report on one or more Canadians with disabilities who have made a contribution to Canadian public life or to the activities of Parliament.

[Apply here](#)

Upcoming Dates and Events

May - Community Living Month

May 22 - CACL offices are closed for Victoria Day

May 28 - June 3 - [National AccessAbility Week](#)

May 28 - June 3 - [Victims & Survivors of Crime Week](#)

June 5-6 - ACL Federation Presidents & Executive Directors' Meetings

June 13 - CRPD Conference of State Parties



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