

Inclusion Matters

News from the Canadian Association
for Community Living

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Press Release: Nova Scotia Heading to Reject Charter Rights of People with Disabilities

In a stunning maneuver, the Law Amendments Committee of the Nova Scotia Legislature voted to send to the Legislature a Bill that would fundamentally entrench denial of *Charter*-protected rights to life, liberty and security of people with intellectual, cognitive, and psychosocial disabilities in the province. Introduced just two weeks ago today, the *Adult Capacity and Decision-Making Act* provides a set of promises to Nova Scotians that the disability community has been calling for, for years.

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RWA Celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Every day, thousands of employees with an intellectual disability or ASD are driving innovation, enhancing consumer loyalty, and enriching workplace culture in organizations across the country.

Join [Ready, Willing & Able](#) in shining a spotlight on **National Disability Employment Awareness Month** and celebrating the achievements and positive contributions of Canadian employees living with a disability, including those with an intellectual disability or ASD.

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8th Annual Federal Policy Forum on Inclusion:

Realization of the Right to Legal Capacity for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Canada

Friday, December 1st 2017 | Ottawa Marriott Hotel, Ottawa, ON

Watch for registration to open later this month!

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In collaboration with the Office for Disability Issues, Employment & Social Development Canada

CACL in Action!

Highlights of our recent national and international work.

- CACL Executive Vice-President Krista Carr and Don Gallant, National Director of [Ready, Willing & Able](#) met with the Honourable Kent Hehr, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, to discuss the RWA program.
- CACL EVP Krista Carr was in Atlantic Canada last week for Association for Community Living meetings with staff from our Nova Scotia, PEI, Newfoundland & Labrador, and New Brunswick members.
- [Inclusive Education Canada](#) and Community Living Algoma held a two-day conference *Creating Welcoming Communities: The Journey to Inclusion Begins at School* in Sault St. Marie, ON.
- A very warm welcome to new staff member [Ghadeer Malek](#), IRIS's new Research & Social Development Officer!
- IRIS along with local partner organizations in Toronto, hosted their first Steering Committee meeting for a new initiative entitled, *A Place to Call Our Own: Marginalized Women Take Action for Affordable Housing*.
- Ready, Willing & Able took part in Deloitte Canada's Annual Impact Day in Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton to educate staff about the business benefits of inclusive hiring.
- CACL EVP Krista Carr attended a forum on violence and sexual abuse of people with an intellectual disability hosted by our Québec member L'Association du Québec pour l'intégration sociale.
- CACL EVP Krista Carr and CACL President Joy Bacon attended the Saskatchewan Association for Community Living's strategic planning session.



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Inclusive Education in Sault Ste. Marie

*This blog post was written by Dr. Gordon Porter,
Director of IEC.*

Last week I was in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario to participate in a conference on inclusive education. It was sponsored by Community Living Algoma (CLA) in partnership with Inclusive Education Canada. CLA has identified inclusive schooling as a vital component for preparing the young people they support for the transition to life in the community.

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Opportunity to Serve as Treasurer on CACL's Board of Directors

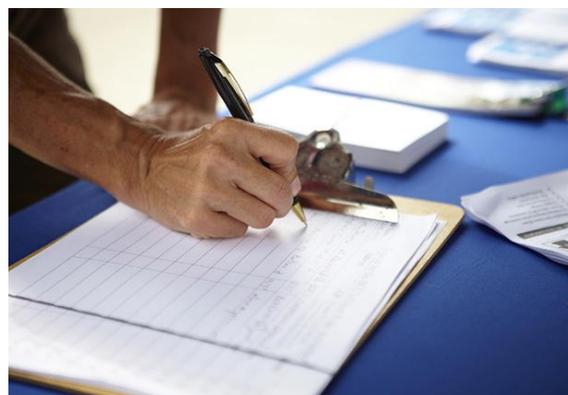
CACL is looking for a new Treasurer, based in the Greater Toronto Area, to serve on its Board of Directors for at least a 2 year term. CACL also has a Foundation (CACL F) for fund development purposes, and a research institute that is separately incorporated. The Treasurer of CACL is also the Treasurer of CACL F and IRIS.

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Sign the Petition to Establish a Henson Trust in Alberta

Inclusion Alberta encourages you to sign the petition to support legislation that will enable families of individuals with disabilities to establish discretionary trusts (Henson Trust) in Alberta. Alberta is the only province where parents cannot yet establish a trust in their Wills that will provide for their sons and daughters with disabilities when they are no longer alive.

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Upcoming Dates and Events

October - National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October 24 - United Nations Day. This year's theme is "Potential in Diversity".

November 17-18 - [Inclusion Alberta Youth Conference: Rebuilding Recreation](#) in Edmonton, AB.

Save the Date - Annual Federal Policy Forum on Inclusion, Dec 1st in Ottawa. This year's theme is Legal Capacity. Registration will open soon.

Save the Date - CACL Annual General Meeting, Dec 2nd in Ottawa.

Save the Date - Inclusion International is hosting the 17th Annual World Congress taking place in Birmingham, UK on May 30 - June 1, 2018. [Registration now open!](#)

CACL in the News

[Liberals push ahead with new intellectual capacity law, despite objections](#)

[Controversial law governing those with intellectual deficits heads back to legislature with no amendments](#)

[N.S. law governing those with intellectual deficits needs change: advocates](#)

[Community Living Algoma is creating welcoming communities](#)

[Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, Kent Hehr, discusses Ready, Willing & Able program](#)