

CALGARY ABILITY NETWORK

September 2017 Monthly Recap



September was a busy and exciting month for the Calgary Ability Network! All tables met in September as we continued our planning sessions, facilitated by Alberta Culture and Tourism. All tables are in the process of planning the next year of work!



TRANSPORTATION

Attended: 8

Regrets: 3

The CAN Transportation table decided to focus on three areas: promoting accessible transportation users to use 311, supporting the Livery + Calgary Transit Access "On-Demand" project and front-line driver training. At the October meeting, the table will receive a presentation on "Next Stop Announcements" on Calgary Transit Buses from the Lui Greco from CNIB.

Next CAN Transportation Meeting:

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

11:00—1:00PM

Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta



RECREATION

Attended: 11

Regrets: 6

The CAN Recreation table not only decided to change their name from "CAN Recreation & Leisure" to "CAN Recreation", but they also decided on a Vision, Mission Statement and goals for the table to begin working towards. Visit the Calgary Ability Network website "Recreation" page for more information.

Next CAN Recreation & Leisure Meeting:

Thursday, November 30, 2017

9:00 - 11:00AM

Between Friends Club (tentatively)



POVERTY REDUCTION

Attended: 9

Regrets: 3

The CAN Poverty Reduction table had their first session facilitated by Alberta Culture & Tourism, where they began to review the Vision and Mission Statement of the group. In October, they will continue strategic planning. The October CAN Poverty Reduction meeting falls on International Day to Eradicate Poverty, and the table will be attending a spoken word event hosted by Poverty Talks! after their regular meeting.

Next Poverty Reduction Meeting:

Alberta Culture & Tourism Planning Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

2:30—4:30PM

Genesis Centre



HUMAN RIGHTS

Attended: 14

Regrets: -

The CAN Human Rights September meeting was facilitated by Alberta Culture & Tourism. The table discussed creating a Vision and Mission Statement and begun identifying short-term objectives. A sub-committee will meet prior to the October meeting to draft a Vision and Mission Statement.

Next Human Rights Meeting:

Alberta Culture & Tourism Planning Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Time: 11:00—1:00PM

Vecova Recreation Centre

UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW! CAN Newcomers with Disabilities

A new table has been added to CAN—Newcomers with Disabilities. The purpose of this group is to address the unique challenges faced by newcomer families with disabilities in our community. If you are interested in attending these meetings, please contact Brittney for more information (Brittney@cpalberta.com)

ADF Fall Forum Meeting—Opportunity to Network

The forum is an opportunity to network with other organizations that are connected to the disability sector, with discussion and consultation on the future direction of Voice of Albertans with Disabilities.

- Click [here](#) for more information and to register

Family Focused ASL Immersion Weekend

Family Focused ASL is exclusive to Deaf and Hear Alberta, and features common everyday language used within the family setting. Improve family communication in a quick and easy format.

- Click [here](#) for more information and to register

Hope: An Evening of Spoken Word

On October 17 from 5:00—7:00PM - the United Nations' International Day to Eradicate Poverty - Poverty Talks! invites you to join us for an evening of spoken word, where Calgarians with an intimate understanding of the impacts of poverty will perform original pieces on the theme of "Hope."

- Click [here](#) for more information and to register

Disability Tax Credit and RDSP Workshop

On October 19 from 6:30—8:30PM, get all your questions answered about the Disability Tax Credit and Registered Disability Saving Plan.

- Click [here](#) for more information and to register

CAN Website

The CAN website now has an option for community partners to submit upcoming events:

<http://www.calgaryabilitynetwork.ca/events-calendar.html>

For further information, visit: www.calgaryabilitynetwork.ca

or

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Thank you all for your continued interest and support; the success of CAN is dependent on having your voice at the table!