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Run for Rights By Deanna Ng

Rain or shine, people have traveled to the finish line so that Run for Rights can help Winnipeg organizations fundraise to do work for human rights. This includes rights of people with disabilities. Make a pledge to Josie Concepcion who will be participating in the Run on behalf of the MLPD!

You can walk, run, cycle, rollerblade or be creative in how you travel the scenic 5 km route. The race route starts and ends in Kildonan Park. The course takes you onto Scotia Street. If you wish to complete the 10km run/walk, you go the same route again.

Anne Lindsay the Executive Director of Local Investment Toward Employment (LITE) participated last year by walking the course. "It is a nice experience to be outside with so many different people from lots of different community groups. We feel good about supporting human

rights causes." LITE supports people with barriers to employment find employment. MLPD encourages all members to get involved either by traveling the course and collecting pledges or simply by volunteering.

Carlos Sosa, MLPD Co-Chair, has volunteered for many years at the Run for Rights. "This is a positive experience to connect with likeminded people." He found this a good way to support Winnipeg based organizations that have a belief in rights as well as dignity for all people.

You can get involved in this fantastic fundraiser and come out and enjoy a great day in the park. You can collect pledges, where all funds raised will help organizations who advocate for human rights. All pledges will be collected the day of the race.

Registration takes place Saturday June 7th, 2014 from 8:30 to 9:00 AM at Kildonan Park, and the run starts at 9:30 AM.

Participants will be responsible for recording their own times.

What to bring:

- registration form
- pledge money or donation
- a water bottle (water refills will be provided along the route)

Run for Rights encourages you to go green by walking, busing or carpooling to the race. Parking can be found on the streets south of Kildonan Park, and in the public parking lot beside the Pavilion inside the park. If you are going to park inside Kildonan Park, please make sure you get there well before 9 AM as there are several other events happening.

The Run for Rights is supported and part of the [Manitoba Runners' Association](#) For more info or to get involved please contact Run for Rights

By phone: (204) 471-6426

By email: run4rights@gmail.com

Or visit: <http://runforrights.org/>

MLPD Members Attend Panel on Assisted Suicide by Colleen Watters

Members of MLPD (including Colleen Watters, Jim Derksen, Diane Driedger, April D'Aubin,

Allen Mankewich, Dean Richert and Jess Turner) attended a panel discussion on assisted suicide on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. The session entitled: "Evolution of the Rights Culture: Do We Have a Right to Die", took place at the University of Manitoba and was part of the U. of M.'s Visions and Conversations series. This topic is timely given the recent private members bills on Euthanasia and Assisted suicide introduced in the House of Commons by MP Steven Fletcher.

Paul Henteleff, Founding President of Hospice and Palliative Care Manitoba who has also spoken to a Senate committee about the issue, outlined the circumstances where individuals might think about assisted suicide or euthanasia. Individuals aging with illness or disability, some in palliative care, people who have been severely injured or those who are afraid of being dependent or living with dementia may ponder the issue. He noted that, although palliative care can assist individuals to die in comfort, not everyone has access to such care or in some cases, it may not work. He ended with the question: "Why does it have to be a physician who assists people wishing to die by assisted suicide or euthanasia?"

Mary Shariff, a Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba, addressed the legal aspects of assisted suicide and euthanasia. She noted that the legal aspects of those who suffer and wish to end their lives are in conflict with the issue of protecting life. The judicial process i.e. how cases of euthanasia are dealt with in the courts, is also in conflict with the legislative process, as, until recently, provincial and federal governments have expressed unwillingness to address the issue. This is changing with the recent bills in Quebec and Steven Fletcher's private members bills, which Mary explained have been modeled after the Belgium law rather than American laws on assisted suicide. She suggested that cultural Canadians may have more in common culturally with Americans than with Europeans, so we may want to ask legislators what motivates them to look so far afield from Canada for their legislative inspiration. This is of particular importance because the European laws have as their foundation a concern for autonomy, whereas the American laws are more driven by compassion for dying people, explained Mary. When a euthanasia law is driven by a concern for autonomy, it is more difficult to restrict it to one group of people (i.e. dying people who

have less than 6 months to live). One inference from Mary's comments is that constructing an assisted suicide law as a compassionate response to dying people, may be one way to forestall too rapid a slide down the proverbial "slippery slope." For the disability community, this offers cold comfort, because it is a choice between two evils. In addition, medical and constitutional aspects must be considered, as well as the duties to respect and protection of life which is contrasted with rights. Criminal law has demonstrated leniency and compassion and a reluctance to prosecute those who assist individuals to die. Mary ended by indicating the necessity to make palliative care available to all Canadians.

Harvey Chochinov, Professor of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, Director of the Palliative Care Research Unit of CancerCare Manitoba and Canada Research Chair in palliative care, acknowledged everyone's fear of death as well as the fact that only a small percentage of Canadians have access to palliative care. He noted the factors that drive individuals to seek physician-assisted death, including lack of will to live, fear of pain and fear of losing autonomy. Individuals

contemplating assisted death may also be experiencing depression. It is important for those considering physician-assisted death to know their options around treatment and palliative care. Those who are dying need supports and to die with dignity. If supports are put in place, then their wish to end life through physician-assisted death diminishes.

What struck me most was the range of issues and various points of view to be considered as part of the debate around euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. The event was an important addition to the debate and conversations about this issue which continue in Manitoba and Canada.

Note from MLPD's Alert By April D'Aubin

We're Staying Put at 105-500 Portage Ave - Since the Future Directions meeting, the MLPD has been researching what is the best solution for the MLPD regarding office space. Carlos and Jess explored many possible options and CCD National Coordinator Laurie Beachell also lent a hand. In the end, we decided MLPD will remain in its current space.

As a result of our outreach, we had the opportunity to become better acquainted with some Manitoba organizations, such as the [Congress of Black Women of Manitoba](#).

We still have some unoccupied desks, which could be rented out, so let Jess or Carlos know about organizations that are looking for office space.

Exploring New Ideas - In March, MLPD Co-chair Carlos Sosa met with Samuel Unrau who is the Students with Disabilities Commissioner with the [Canadian Federation of Students](#) both provincially and nationally and Bilan Arte who is the Chairperson of the [Canadian Federal of Student –Manitoba](#). Their discussions focused on possible future collaborations focused on issues of concern to our organizations, such as employment, income security and disability awareness. Being inclusive of youth is an MLPD priority, so we will keep having conversations with the students' federations to develop an on-going working relationship.

Preserving the Voice of People with Disabilities - Co-chair Carlos Sosa has become a steward of the MLPD's history. He supervised the preparation of the

organization's records for their eventual permanent housing in archives. Currently, the files are being evaluated by archivists at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights to determine if they are appropriate for the Museum's collection.

Carlos also organized a meeting for disability community members at the Oral History Centre, located at the University of Winnipeg. During the meeting, Oral History Centre representatives explained the resources they make available to community researchers. Community members shared ideas for future projects. A follow-up meeting will take place in April.

Carlos has also been researching leads on funding for a history project.

Remembering - A number of people who had been active in the disability community passed away in recent months. MLPD remembers...

Sue Williams was a staff person with the Consulting Committee of the Status of Women with Disabilities and the Canadian Disability Rights Council.

Pat Sisco worked at the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities and served on a number of boards

in the disability community - the MLPD, Independent Living Resource Centre, Ten Ten.

John Connor worked in the League office and assisted League committees address employment policies affecting people with disabilities

Fundraising Mini-Projects by Derek Legge

Putting a large fund raising event together is a lot of work. It takes a lot of folks and time. What can an individual member do to help with meeting the fundraising goal for this year's budget (\$10,000)?

Well, you can do almost anything you choose to do, provided it is legal! Think up your own project, like making and selling a craft item, having a garage sale, inviting some friends over for coffee and cookies and some good music, or have popcorn and watch a movie together.... with a small charge of \$5 or \$10 to support the MLPD.

Whatever you come up with, make a donation of the proceeds and get a tax receipt! Every \$25 counts and if several members come up with creative ideas, maybe we can raise a few

hundred without being involved on a committee with meetings and details! Let's see what creativity we have out there.

In The Death Resistance (a Poem) **by Jim Derksen**

I am not ashamed, have learned not to be,
of my body, being different in shape and function:
large head and stomach, crooked fingers,
thin arms and legs.

I am not embarrassed to ask for help:
to cut the meat on my plate, put on my clothes,
wash my body, lift me in and out of bed,
on and off the toilet, wipe my bum - all things I know
I can no longer do.

Is that the blood smell of death being
stirred up by your offers of "dignity"
and fear-proof, pain-free endings?

I will not go away, and will not die to reassure you.
Not to humor your illusions of how we are, or should be,

nor to satisfy your advertising images, or your cold Convenience.
I will not die for your fantasies.

You fearful, desperately unwilling learners,
I will teach you the complex immensity
of our so common true humanity.

I am not afraid to invite my lovers to spoon or climb to ride on top of me,
naturally, dancing to crescendo in our potent, most lovely actuality.

MLPD & Diversity- in Work & the Community **by Deanna Ng**

MLPD is enriched with newcomers to Canada who bring talents and new ideas. This diversity not only benefits our organization but the workplace and the community as well.

Dr. Zephania Matanga, a member of MLPD and Executive Director of the Canadian Multicultural Disability Centre Inc. (CMDCI), explained it well.

“Workplaces work best when they are adaptable and open to the

community they serve. Workplaces should look just like the community.” This reflects how MLPD and CMDCI are open to diversity meaning all people of all different backgrounds can get involved.

Gerry Agostini, another member of MLPD and an alternative health practitioner who started his practice in the Caribbean Islands in 1993, came to Canada in 2000 to advance his education. He now practices in Winnipeg.

When attending school and looking for work, Gerry faced many barriers. He had to find his own accommodations and resources such as getting people to read the material while he studied.

Shayani Fernando, an artist and writer also faced similar barriers as a person with a visual impairment. She explains the barriers are, “those associated with the **attitudes** of people and their lack of creative adaptation. Because they lack the latter they are limited in the ways they go about providing me accommodations which will help me yield more productive results.”

She explained, “I find that if people are willing to “see” beyond the comparatively slower rate of my

work, they would notice that my work is always thorough and that I can actually pick up speed if provided the correct technological resources such as software and computers... “

This is not uncommon for people with disabilities but it is also challenging for newcomers.

Often the greatest challenge is attitudes or misunderstandings, as University of Florida researchers Kelli Green, Mayra López, Allen Wysocki, and Karl Kepner explain in “Diversity in the Workplace: Benefits, Challenges, and the Required Managerial Tools” (2002.)

Becoming aware of personal stereotypes and biases is the first step in overcoming them. The next step is having a safe place where all employees have a say and can learn from each other. Finally, managers need to monitor progress.

According to Zephania, “Diverse workplaces are successful because you are able to harness talents and capabilities based on what people can offer not because where they come from. You are likely to get more capable people if you don’t limit yourself to a certain group of people. You are also likely to attract consumers and

provide better service to them because you understand the goals in the community.”

Often embracing diversity by working with people from different backgrounds helps create an understanding of the other person. One such study that supported this was done by Patricia Gurin, Ratnesh Nagda, and Gretchen Lopez, who in 2004 published their results in “The Benefits of Diversity in Education for Democratic Citizenship” (Journal of Social Issues).

These authors did a diversity experiment with students at the University of Michigan. The experimental group was students who worked with diverse students in class and out of class, were involved in different activities, took in new experiences, were all equal, had civil discussion, and helpful conflict resolution. Students in the control group were college as usual – attending class and doing things as usual. These students were rated on their opinions after getting to know the other student they were matched with for this study.

The researchers found that students in the experimental program showed more empathy for their own group as well as others groups. They could see

things from different angles; found much in common with diverse groups, appreciated learning about cultures, and enjoying new experiences.

This notion of working together, appreciating difference, and being on the same level is supported by Shayani Fernando, “Newcomers and people with disabilities help transform abstract ideals into reality by engaging society by challenging status qua, testing the moral temperature of societies, demanding change where needed and generally improving our understanding of what it is to be human and to act humanely...Difference also exposes areas where we think and act less than human and challenges us to grow as healthy communities. “

Gerry Agostini explained further, “To me, diversity means equal opportunity for everyone, and to have rights and responsibilities acknowledged. Therefore it becomes equality.”

From all his experiences, Gerry has learned to self-accommodate, values helping and teaching others and that includes his experiences from a different angle in challenging attitudes. He explains, “Instead of catching fish

for someone, it is teaching them how to fish.”

Zephania explained diversity as a whole. “It is knowing not everyone has the same shoe size. Creativity is the key to a strong community, respecting that people do things differently.”

Bullying & Adults with Disabilities **by Deanna Ng & Eva Beaudoin**

There is no age limit to bullying and the scars from any incident can last a lifetime. Adults with disabilities may often experience this form of violence. People with disabilities may engage in these behaviours.

Eva Beaudoin explained, “You have to deal with your disability and deal with it on a daily basis.” It was bad enough as a child.

As an adult Eva faced coworkers who questioned what she did or criticized it in a way that was belittling. This was very subtle but aggressive. Especially irritating was when people used certain speech or tone of voice that was degrading.

She explained further that even though some people don’t intend

to be mean, it comes out that way. There is the stigma that we constantly face. “Often people on the street and on the bus don’t know what to do when there is someone who is different than themselves and does things in a different way. It scares people,” said Eva.

A common location where bullying occurs is Winnipeg Transit. Eva requires the front seat due to her disability. However, baby carriages also need that space. Sometimes young mothers will demand passengers with disabilities get up. This is a difficult situation for people with invisible disabilities or limited mobility. There is no priority on Transit but a first come first served basis.

Other locations for bullying are in the workplace or online. According to Laura Petrecca in “Bullying in workplace is common, hard to fix” in *USA Today* from December 28 2010, one in three adults without disabilities have been bullied on the job. The most common forms of bullying are the subtle and hard to notice acts such as purposely leaving a worker out of communications so they can’t do their job well, mocking someone during meetings and gossiping about the worker.

In a report by Ross Marowits – “Half of workplace bullying complaints in Quebec are justified” found in the *Canadian Press*, from Jun 11, 2006, Quebec became the first province to outlaw workplace bullying, but critics feared it would limit employers' ability to discipline workers. A provincial report from the second year since the law was passed found half the complaints were justified and many were complicated.

The Quebec law, modelled after those in Sweden, France and Belgium, allows the labour board to order fines and getting employees' jobs back in non-union workplaces. Workers in unionized workplaces must go through their union.

Cyber bullying can occur in and outside the workplace. A study by Sameer Hinduja and Justin Patchin, called “Overview of Cyberbullying” (www.cyberbullying.us) found 5-40 percent of participants had been victims of cyberbullying by being ignored, disrespected, called names, threatened, picked on, or made fun of or having had rumors spread by others using various forms of technology such as social media or text messaging. The amount and type of abuse

depended on the age group, and individual situations.

This study found often a person who chooses to bully is from an abusive or broken home. They do not have the support they need and often bullying is an outlet to gain control and feel superior. Many people who bully are also victims themselves. They don't always see the consequences or reaction from the person they hurt.

For more info on Manitoba's anti-bullying legislation, Bill 18, that was passed on September 13, 2013, please visit:

<https://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/40-2/b018e.php>

Stop a Bully Safe and Anonymous <http://www.stopabully.ca/>

Bullying Canada <http://www.bullyingcanada.ca/>



CLOSING THE GAP, DISABILITY RIGHTS PENDANT

Hilary Druxman, a Winnipeg designer, has created the “Closing the Gap” disability rights pendant for the MLPD and the DisAbled Women’s Network (DAWN) Manitoba as a fundraising tool.

“This simple, but meaningful pendant represents closing the gap of understanding between people with disabilities and the non-disabled world,” said Diane, MLPD’s former Provincial Coordinator. The pendants are \$35.00 and available at the MLPD office or online at hilarydruxman.com.



Transportation Advocacy

1) Do you have a complaint or concern about Handi or public transit? Submit to MLPD's Transportation Inconsistency Network

2) Would you like to become more involved in transportation issues?

Join MLPD's

Transportation Committee by calling: 204-943-6099 or emailing:

mlpd@shawcable.com

3) Still having transit issues? Contact Marie-Lynn Hamilton at the Independent Living Resource Centre (email: mlh@ilrc.mb.ca or call: 204-947-0194

Save the Dates

MLPD AGM

When: Thursday, June 26, 2014
from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Where: in the Millennium Library's Carol Shields Auditorium.

Who: Bring friends and family with you to the MLPD Annual General Meeting. Be among the first to hear who has been elected to Provincial Council.

Voting: Only members can vote for Provincial Council. Become a member and have your say in how the MLPD is run.

Run for Office - If you want to run for a position on Provincial Council, Colleen Watters is the person to talk to as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Only members can run for office.

Come Celebrate: 2014 is the MLPD's 40th year of working for an accessible and inclusive Manitoba. This is something we will celebrate at the AGM.

Manitoba Access Awareness Week 2014 Events Calendar

When: June 1 to 7, 2014,

What: raise awareness of the barriers people with disabilities face that impact their full participation in society and promotes the removal of these barriers. Please contact the

Disabilities Issues Office for accommodations.

May 31: Disability Awareness Resource Training for Winnipeg Folk Festival Volunteers (Internal)

Location: Independent Living Resource Centre, 311A – 393 Portage Avenue
Register by May 31 with Joanne at 204-947-0194; e-mail joannef@ilrc.mb.ca

June 2: Independent Living Resource Centre Lunch and Learn

Highlighting ILRC Programs: Disability Awareness Resource Training (DART), Able Sail Manitoba and Access Together

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Independent Living Resource Centre, 311A – 393 Portage Ave.
Register by May 31 with Joanne at 204-947-0194; e-mail joannef@ilrc.mb.ca

June 2: MAAW Kick-Off featuring Paralympian Dennis Thiessen and the Winnipeg Folk Festival

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Norwood Hotel, 112 Marion Street

Thanks to sponsors: Pfizer Canada, Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba and United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW), Local 832.

Contact Colleen at 204-945-5304 or e-mail: colleen.watters@gov.mb.ca

June 4: Disability Awareness Training

Time: 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Alliance of Manitoba Sector Councils, 1000 Waverley Street

Manitoba Federation of Non-Profit Organizations (MFNPO) joins the MAAW Steering Committee in providing a FREE half-day disability awareness event:

- An introduction to *The Accessibility for Manitobans Act*
- What you need to know about disability and diversity
- Practical tips on disability accommodations

Register with Anthony Augustine, MFNPO at 204-272-6088 or visit: <http://www.mfnpo.org/events/disability-awareness-training/>

June 5: Presentation of Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development and South African Disability Rights Leader

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Location: Manitoba Human Rights Commission, 700 - 175 Hargrave Street.

Mr. Shuaib Chalklen will offer a brief presentation on his role as Special Rapporteur and related experiences, including as Senior Policy Analyst in the Presidency of South Africa (2006-07) and as the Chief Executive Officer of the Secretariat for the African Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-06).

Registration is limited; please contact April D'Aubin at the Council of Canadians with Disabilities 204-947-0303 or e-mail: april@ccdonline.ca

June 5: Access Awareness Event in Rossburn, Manitoba

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Location: Main Street & Victoria Avenue East (on Co-Op parking lot)

Register with Shirley Kalyniuk, of the Rossburn Age-Friendly Committee at: 204-859-2429 or e-mail: shirkal@hotmail.com

**June 5: Reaching Equality
Employment Services (REES)
25th Anniversary Gala Dinner
and Awards Celebration**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Canad Inns Polo Park,
1405 St. Matthews Avenue

Featuring Bill Klein from TLC's
television show, "The Little
Couple." An awards ceremony will
honour outstanding contributions
to the employment of persons with
disabilities. Tickets are \$150.00,
with funds raised in support of
REES

programs. Contact REES
at: 204-947-1609 or website link:
<http://www.reesawards.ca>

June 7: Run for Rights

Time: 8:30 a.m. is Registration;
Start-time is at 9:30 a.m.

Location: South Picnic Shelter at
Kildonan Park

The Run benefits Winnipeg
organizations working for social
justice and human rights, including
the Manitoba League of Persons
with Disabilities and the Canadian
Multi-Cultural Disability Centre,
Inc. For further information or to
download a pledge form, please
visit website link:

<http://www.runforrights.org/>

June 11: Social Evening

Time: 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Thirsty Lion, 525
Dale Blvd. in Charleswood
(left at traffic lights before
Perimeter, off Roblin), see website
link at:

www.parkwestinn.ca/the-thirsty-lion-tavern

Enjoy an evening of live
entertainment and networking with
folks committed to the
employment of Manitobans with
disabilities.

**June 12: L.P. Ings Scholarship
Fundraising Dinner presented
by the Vision Impaired
Resource Network (VIRN)**

Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Garbonzo's Pizza Pub
(AnX), Unit 2 - 471 Portage
Avenue

In Celebration of L. P. Ings
Scholarship Month June 2014.
Tickets \$20.00 per person. For
further information, contact Doris
Koop, Vision Impaired Resource
Network (VIRN) at 1-888-851-8476
or e-mail: doris.koop@virn.ca, or
view website link:

<http://www.virn.ca>

**June 17 (Webcast and in-person)
OR June 18 (In-person):
Public Consultations on the
Initial Proposed Customer
Service Standard under *The
Accessibility for Manitobans Act***

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
(Registration at 12:30 p.m. each
day)

Location: Greenwood Ballroom &
Conference Centre
The Best Western Plus Airport
Hotel, 1715 Wellington Avenue

Register by June 9 with Tracy at
the Disabilities Issues Office at
204-945-7613; e-mail
Tracy.MacMillan@gov.mb.ca

**Accessibility Standard for
Customer Service**

What: To review the Discussion
Paper or to learn more about the
Act, please see
www.gov.mb.ca/dio. Please
submit your written feedback to
access@gov.mb.ca.

When: public consultations are on
June 17th OR 18th, 2014, from
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: at Greenwood Ballroom &
Conference Centre, The Best
Western Plus Airport Hotel, 1715
Wellington Avenue in Winnipeg.

How: To register, or get
documents in alternate formats,
please contact Tracy MacMillan at
the Disabilities Issues Office by e-
mailing:
Tracy.MacMillan@gov.mb.ca, or
by calling 204-945-7613. The
deadline for registration is
Monday, June 9, 2014.

The June 17th event will be
webcast to allow on-line
participation; to register see:
<http://download.isiglobal.ca/govmb/2014-06-17.html>

Why: The Accessibility for
Manitobans Act (AMA) became
law December 5, 2013. The
Province wants to work with
people with disabilities to develop
5 areas: customer service,
information and communication,
transportation, employment and
the built environment.
Accessibility standards will be
developed in stages. People and
organizations are invited to
provide feedback.

Who: Representatives from
Manitoba's disability community,
The Retail Council of Canada,
Manitoba Hotel Association,
Manitoba Restaurant and
Foodservices Association, and
Association of Manitoba
Municipalities are participating in a
Customer Service Standard

Development Committee that will first work on customer service standards.

Independent Living Resource Centre

What: 30th Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday, June 19, 2014

Where: Independent Living Resource Centre 311A- 393 Portage Ave

5:00 pm – Registration
5:30 pm – General Meeting
6:30 pm – refreshments

(ILRC is a scent-free environment.)

OCDC Invitation

What: OCD Centre Manitoba, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides support, education and information to members, their families and friends, the public, and to professionals, and promotes psycho-social research of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

When: OCDC board meetings are held once a month on a Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (excluding December). There is

one Annual General Meeting from 7PM to 9PM in June. Board members may also volunteer throughout the year at OCDC events in the evening or weekends to help the organization in the areas of outreach, education and promotion.

Contact: OCD Centre Manitoba Inc.
100-4 Fort Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 1C4
Phone: 204-942-3331

Age & Opportunity Events

What: 7-th annual Seniors Housing & Lifestyles Expo

When: Tuesday May 27, 2014

Where: at the Victoria Inn located at 1808 Wellington Ave. Has presenters, exhibitors and sponsorship opportunities.

Note: fundraiser that A & O: Support Services for Older Adults & The Cupcake Corner are selling cupcakes!

Great for Board meetings, staff forums, coffee breaks, Father's Day, for someone running in a marathon - commemorating WEAAD. Purple is the colour that represents World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). Order

before June 5, 2014 .

You may contact Stacey Miller or Deborah Lorteau for more information on either event at: 204-956-6440.

City of Winnipeg Budget 2015-17

What: The City of Winnipeg wants to know what you would like to be in the budget.

The conversation between May 6 and June 22 will be priorities on City services.

How: You can participate in OUR BUDGET, FORWARD online, on your own, host a group conversation, attend a BUDGET TALK or visit our Talk Truck around the City.

How: Learn to Host Your Own BUDGET:

May 21 at the Millennium Library from 1:00-3:30pm

May 21 at the Millennium Library from 7:00-9:30pm

Want to make your BUDGET TALK public? Want to Host a BUDGET TALK but NEED facilitation help?

winnipegbudget@dialoguepartners.ca

Attend a BUDGET TALK: Larger groups of people to discuss values, ideas and priorities related to City services, programs and projects.

May 22, 23 and 24
June 5, 6 and 7

For more information, please visit: <http://winnipeg.ca/Interhom/Budget/2015Budget/>

Or call 311.

Thanks for your support!

Canadian Paralegic Association Annual General Meeting

When: Tuesday, June 17, 2014
5:00 PM Hors d'oeuvres
5:30 PM meeting

Where: Merv Thomson Room
1010 Sinclair St Winnipeg

Guest speaker: Susana Scott, Brematson & Associates
Unraveling the complexity of Disability benefits

SCE Lifeworks Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday, June 12, 2014
7:00 PM

Where: Victoria Inn, Wellington B
Room 1808 Wellington Ave

Note: Free parking
Light refreshments will be
provided

RSVP: Heather Monette by
Friday, June 6, 2014
Phone: 204-775-9402 Ext: 215
Email: hmonette@lifeworks.mb.ca

New Option to Donate!

MLPD is a Canadian registered charity. For an alternative method of donating, go to our website and look for this icon on the top right hand corner.

Or go to CanadaHelps.org and search 'MLPD - MANITOBA LEAGUE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES INC.'





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Who We Are

The MLPD is an organization of people with disabilities that works on concerns affecting the lives of people with various disabilities in Manitoba.

MLPD strives for improvement in areas such as accessibility, education, employment, housing, transportation, income security, and support services.

The MLPD supports Manitobans with disabilities with social policy research and consultation, public education programs, information and referral services.

MLPD Staff:

Josie Concepcion (Office Manager),

The 2013/2014 MLPD Provincial Council:

Jesse Turner (Co-chair), Carlos Sosa (Co-chair), Allen Mankewich (Vice Chair) April D'Aubin (Secretary), Justine Kiwanuka (Treasurer), Shayani Fernando, Kristian Hooker, Zephania Matanga, Danielle Otto, Mindy Tucker, Colleen Watters, Valerie Wolbert

This newsletter is available in alternate media upon request.

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