



# DISABILITY RESOURCE NETWORK OF BC FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Spring 2018

## Message from your Executive Committee

Welcome and thank you for taking your time to read your fourth newsletter!

DRNBC has several committees, one of which is the Provincial Executive Committee and it has the following functions:

- Support the DRNBC's mandate
- Represent field based concerns in a coordinated fashion to the Provincial Ministries responsible for post-secondary education
- Raise public and government awareness about the educational needs of people with disabilities
- Identify issues of interest and concern to the members of DRNBC
- Be an information sharing body to all personnel regarding disability related issues in the post secondary system

Please visit our website to learn more about our provincial organization:  
<http://www.drNBC.org/>

The DRNBC is actively recruiting interested individuals to sit on several of our provincial communities. We currently are recruiting for the following committees:

- Membership Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Advocacy Committee
- Executive Committee

If you are interested please let us know and we'd be happy to talk to you about each of the committees.

The DRNBC for PSE is a provincial organization committed to providing programs and services, professional development, resources and news events that effect individuals who have a disability (disabilities), in the British Columbia Post Secondary Education system.

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**2018 Disability Resource Network of B.C. for Post-Secondary Conference**

MAY 7 & 8 | VANCOUVER | #ACCESSBYDESIGN

Join us May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at VCC’s Downtown Campus.

This year’s theme *Access by Design: Building Together for a Better Tomorrow* focuses on the importance of collaboration in deliberately designing access for all students to post-secondary education. Through thoughtful partnerships between universities and colleges’ programs, services and faculty, community organizations and agencies, businesses, government, and individuals, together we can use proactive collaboration and building relationships as a framework for promoting access and inclusion. We hope this year’s conference will inspire workshops on innovative practices, tools and strategies that facilitate conversations among providers and users alike, about how we can bring about effective partnerships to build a better tomorrow.

Keynote Address Featuring: Randy Lewis, Founder & President, Nogwog Fund & Former Senior Vice President, Supply Chain & Logistics, Walgreens  
*“How we were able to hire a 1000 people with disabilities (and what it means to you)”*

- 11 interactive workshops with keynote presenter Randy Lewis on Day 1
- Annual General Meeting with Box Lunch on Day 1
- DRNBC Awards honouring excellence in Corporate, Programs and Services on Day 1
- Wine and Cheese Networking on Day 1
- A hot buffet lunch on Day 2 with ample time to network
- Closing plenary with a performance by Mayday Club Youth Choir on Day 2

**DRNBC embraces social media!**

The DRNBC is trying to reach as many of you as possible and spread the word about the great work we do in the province. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!  
<https://twitter.com/DRNBC>  
<https://www.instagram.com/drnbcfps/>

**Student Stories and Successes**  
**Update from last year’s speaker:**

**Calvin Tiu**



I always strive to show students that you never have to settle. In May of 2016, I graduated from KPU with a Bachelor of Arts English Major and a Minor in Counseling. Earning my degree however was far from my only accomplishment. I graduated with my own outreach program, published academic essay, my first professionally produced music video, and a winner of Surrey Board of Trade’s Top 25 Under 25 Awards. This past February, I released my brand new album, **“Copy 37”** which is my first album to be made available on streaming services such as iTunes, Apple Music, and Spotify. I also have been releasing more professional music videos on YouTube that showcase my love for music, film, and creativity in general. I currently spent the semester exploring business courses back at KPU while working as a peer advisor. I am also a certified jack talks speaker for jackdotorg which is a youth led organization working to end the silence around mental health. I am also enjoying my time working with the Access Program for People with Disabilities at Kwantlen Polytechnic University presenting my story and music to help inspire students to find their passions and bring them into their day to day lives.

# Looking for a Free Workshop!

## AEBC Vision Assistive Technology and Community Support Exhibition

**April 27, 2018, 8:15am-5pm.**

A Day of free workshops and exhibits of interest to people who are blind, partially sighted or deaf-blind, their families and/or interested professionals.

Topics include assistive technology, education, peer mentoring, employment, accessible books, guide dogs, audio description for live theatre and the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Presented by:

Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBC)

[www.blindcanadians.ca](http://www.blindcanadians.ca)

Location:

Hilton Vancouver Metro town Hotel, 6083 McKay Avenue, Burnaby, BC

This event is free and open to the public. It precedes the AEBC conference.

If you can't attend in person, please check out the Streaming link below, as many of the workshops will be streamed on the AEBC web site.

The link will work now with some music, so you can test it.

<http://stream.trinimex.ca:15000/aebc.mp3>

For a full list of workshops contact

[secretary@blindcanadians.ca](mailto:secretary@blindcanadians.ca)

### The Sharing Corner

Each month we'll bring you some tips, links and items of interest to view.

**Monthly Social:** The Provincial Government has organized a Social Group for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-blind youth aged 19-26. They meet every month to explore friendship through art, discussions and group sharing activities. You can find more information: [http://deafwellbeing.vch.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/FCS\\_WBP\\_YouthSocial-2018.pdf](http://deafwellbeing.vch.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/FCS_WBP_YouthSocial-2018.pdf)

**Articulation Guide June 2016:** The purpose of the Adult Special Education ( ASE) is to provide information to learners, parents, caregivers, instructors, employers, community agencies and counselors throughout British Columbia, regarding the purpose of ASE articulation, learning outcomes for general program type offerings and a table of programs offered at each institution:

<http://www.bccat.ca/pubs/ASEguide2016.pdf>

Stop/Think/Breathe Phone App : Check in with how you're feeling and try short activities tuned to your emotions.

**Stop**– What are you doing. Check in with what you are thinking, and how you are feeling. **Breathe**– Practice mindful breathing to create space between your thoughts, emotions and reactions. **Think**– Broaden your perspective and strengthen your force field of peace with personalized meditations' and activities.

Check it out: <https://www.stopbreathethink.com/>

Struggling with Dyslexia– Check this site out: <https://geon.github.io/programming/2016/03/03/dsxylicia>

## Success Stories

### Angel Rose Phair.....from Thompson Rivers University

“I am a person. I am a young woman. I am First Nations. I have a learning disability and I am comfortable with everything I am. I am not ashamed.”

These are the words of Angel Rose Phair, a 2017 valedictorian at Thompson Rivers University (TRU) in Kamloops, British Columbia. Angel is the first valedictorian to represent the Education and Skills Training Program (ESTR), which provides students with cognitive disabilities with the skills and training they need for employment. A member of the Malahat First Nation, Angel grew up in foster homes on the Skeetchestn reserve, until being adopted by her grandparents at the age of 14. She credits those grandparents for giving her the support and confidence she needed to become the first member of the family to attend a post-secondary institution.

Angel’s passion is cooking and she is proud of achieving a Kitchen Assistant certificate, as well as Food Safe level 1. Last year she received a BC Lions Society Advanced Education award, and has since returned to TRU to complete ESTR’s Retail Worker certificate.

Angel’s own words best describe the impact the TRU program has had on her so far: “I used to be quiet, but now I am not quiet. The real person I am inside has had the opportunity to grow at TRU and I enjoy being who I really am.”

Included in the LMAPD 2017 annual report by The Ministry of Adult Education and Development

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/>



### Job Readiness Program

The Job Readiness Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults began in 2004 at Vancouver Community College and continues, with a waiting list, today.

My name is Marcia Tanaka and I have been the instructor of the Job Readiness program since the 2nd year. I am proud to say, we average about 9 students per year enrollment and about an average of 7/11 students are hired or offered work every year

The JRP won the Vancouver Community College Excellence Award in November 2016. Watch a brief video about this remarkably successful program.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZVi8VcHzAA>

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