

Try on a Disability Challenge Background Information

Langley Pos-Abilities Society is organizing a public event entitled "Try on a Disability Challenge."

We are a non-profit organization established in 2010. Our purpose is to help improve the quality of life for residents of Langley with disabilities by providing assistive devices, awareness and education.

During the months of May and June nine local public figures have agreed to spend 12 hours of one day in a wheelchair so that they can experience what it might be like to live in a chair and the daily challenges that need to be faced, especially the barriers in the community. In addition, they will be seeking pledges to raise money for Langley Pos-Abilities Society.

These well-known public figures are:

John Aldag, Liberal Candidate for Langley Cloverdale
Frank Buscholtz, Editor Langley Times
Randy Caine, Candidate for Mayor of Langley and Business Owner
Alan Davis, President Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Jack Froese, Mayor of Township of Langley
Peter Luongo, Retired School Principal and Director of Langley Ukulele Ensemble and Rotarian
Jim McGregor, Author, Retired Fire Chief, Christmas Bureau
Ted Schaffer, Mayor of City of Langley
Lynn Whitehouse, Executive Director Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce

From May 19 to June 3, 2015, students from several faculties of Kwantlen Polytechnic University have applied to film the challengers for the 12 hours, to record some of the difficulties faced, and to ensure that no cheating takes place. Following the filming day the students are expected to edit the footage and create a 5-7 minute video which will be used at a "Day of Pos-Abilities" on July 11th 2015.

The films would need to be completed by July 1st in order to be adjudicated by a team of judge to determine first, second and third places. Scholarships will be awarded to the top three.

Two years ago we completed a one hour documentary entitled "Try on a Disability" Here are the links to our videos:

<https://vimeo.com/49096798> this is the link to the long version

<https://vimeo.com/60053248> this is the link to the short version.

<https://vimeo.com/111376097> this is the link to the closed caption short version.

On "A Day of Pos-Abilities" each competing video will be shown and the challenger will be given 5 to 7 minutes to talk about the experience and describe what it felt like, and what they learned while going through the experience. Following that the scholarships would be presented.

Sponsorship Packages Try on a Disability Challenge

Supporting community events also supports local business. We need your help. By sponsoring a scholarship for the winning team of students for filming our Try on a Disability Challenge you will be supporting your local community taking an integral role in changing the face of Langley towards being inclusive. Supporting these students and Langley Pos-Abilities Society further ensures our educative and empowering mission.

As a sponsor we ask that you be available to present your cheque to one of the 3 winning teams on July 11, 2015. Time TBA.

Sponsorship is on a first come, first serve basis. You can choose from 3 levels:

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Secure your sponsorship now. There are only 3 spots available. Sponsorship sharing is possible. Call us for details: 604-961-0117. Zosia@langley.pos-abilities.org.

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