

New Inclusion Canada Program

Barrier-Free Benefits

Inclusion Canada's Barrier-Free Benefits program offers FREE, one-on-one help with disability benefits. Their Navigators are here to help you apply for benefits like:

- Disability Tax Credit (DTC), including help with the medical certificate
- Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)
- Canada Disability Benefit (CDB)
- Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP).
- Filing Your Income Taxes
- Other Provincial and Territorial Programs

They can also provide information and advice on filing your taxes and links to free services. Their Navigators can help you apply for benefits, gather documents, appeal decisions, and answer your questions.

Learn more about this free program and book a free consultation here:

[Barrier-Free Benefits | Inclusion Canada](#)

INCLUSION Art Show & Sale

Each October, the INCLUSION Art Show & Sale brings together artists, families, and community members to celebrate creativity and inclusion. Now in its 21st year, the show has grown into BC's largest disability arts event, and this year they're making it two full days, taking place Wednesday and Thursday, October 22–23, 2025.

The artists from PotteryWorks and Studio73 are thrilled to participate in this event every year. This year Ryley Jensen Fisk's art was chosen by the Inclusion Art Show committee for their promotional poster. Congratulations Ryley.

Learn more about this event and register to attend – it is free.

['posAbilities 21st Anniversary INCLUSION Art Show & Sale Tickets, Wed, Oct 22, 2025 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)



21ST ANNUAL

INCLUSION Art Show & Sale

WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 – 23, 2025

10:30AM – 7:30PM

ROUNDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

inclusionartshow.com

The CLS Self-Advocate Committee “A year in-review”

This year, 2025, we held an election to decide on the Chair and Co-chair of the committee. Byron Schiller was voted in as Chair and Katharine Lahaise was voted in as Co-chair.

We created a workshop on Effective Mental Health and Art. We made a budget and invited people from other organizations. Dee Blackmore, the coordinator for PotteryWorks at CLS, taught the workshop. We had 14 guests who did a drawing activity and worked with Polaroid photos. We thought this was an awesome experience.

We interviewed for new members. Four new people joined the group.

Two members from the group went to the Inclusion BC Conference in Richmond. They heard different speakers, saw some people acting, and went to the dinner and dance. They had a good time.

The group invited Aaron McQueen, Chief Financial Officer at CLS to talk to the group about fundraising.

Two members went to the Special Olympics Summer Games in Prince George. They made us proud by attending, and with the medals they won!

One of the committee members was nominated and voted onto the CLS Board.

Several members volunteered at the CLS picnic on August 16th.

Brenda Henderson, Chief Operating Officer at CLS was invited to speak to the group about writing a grant proposal. Three members volunteered to work on the grant proposal.

In the future we hope to host more events, fundraise, do a project and come up with a name and logo for the committee.

~Sarena Myers and Jarred Samatte
members of the CLS self-advocate committee

