



AAN POVERTY REDUCTION

Date/Time:
May 20th, 2022 /1:30pm –3:30pm

Location: Zoom

Chairs: Allyson Dann, Margot Brunner

In Attendance:

Allyson Dann (Calgary Fetal Alcohol Network)
Colleen Huston (the Disability Action Hall)
Darryl Janzen (Cerebral Palsy Alberta)
Fran L (Easter Seals)
Han Tran (Kibbi Technologies)
Keri McEachern (Self-Advocacy Federation)

Meri Topchieva (Alberta Ability Network)
Noor Abdulbaki
Patti Desjardine (University of Calgary)
Sarah Brazeau- Easter Seals Alberta
Shane Rempel (Southern Alberta Brain Injury Society)
Sydney Harder (Inclucity)
Tasha M. - ILRCC Services Director

Meeting Minutes

Welcome
Land Acknowledgement
Breakout Rooms
Meeting considerations
Review of last month's meeting minutes

Spotlight Agency:

Kibbi Technologies

- Kibbi is an app and desktop website that connects job seekers to employers.
- This app is connecting local job seekers with local employers through map-based job searching.
- The app is in 175 countries and downloadable through Apple and Android.
- Job seekers go into the app, create a profile and can start searching for jobs either through the home/main page or through the map-based interface.
- This app is free for job seekers and non-profit agencies to use.
- Revenue model is with featured jobs, where employers can pay their job to be highlighted
- If you would like to be Kibbi's community partner and get any programs on the app, please contact Han for further details.
- The job description can be translated into 60+ languages.
- Can filter jobs based on language requirements, experience or job type.
- Job seekers can browse without creating a profile.
- Once you give your information, Kibbi has an AI that automatically creates a cover letter for whichever job you want.
- Job seekers can write to employers in their first language and the employer sees it in English or their first language.
- There is no costs for non-profits to join as their goal is to build a community on the app. If you would like to put your organization's jobs and information on here please contact Han at han@mykibbi.com.

IncluCity Calgary

- IncluCity Calgary is a new not-for-profit in Calgary which was the result of a couple of meetup groups that got together in a hackathon and brainstormed this project which grew into this organization.
- The organization found that technology-enabled solutions, services, and processes are too often created without getting input from the people who actually use them.
- Their goal is to create a diverse community of testers to improve the usability of solutions and services for everyone through paid testing sessions. Currently have over 300 diverse testers in Calgary.
- They first get in touch with community organizations and recruit testers through them. Some agencies they work with are Vecova, Kerby Centre, and The Social Impact Lab at United Way.
- Main goal is establishing trust before any usability testing occurs. All testing sessions are paid.
- Share key learnings by helping foster a community, initiate education sessions, share knowledge, publish key learnings and compile learnings.
- Currently working with Included by design (ibd), Pedesting and Vecova within the disability community. If you would like to sign up as a tester please click here: <https://www.inclucitycalgary.ca/become-a-tester>
- No testers have come with a support worker to a testing session yet as the organization is quite new. However, IncluCity will be able to accommodate support workers and encourages everyone to be involved.
- Sydney will ask her management team if organizations can facilitate the conversation with their clients instead of IncluCity.
- You do not need any qualifications to become a tester. Testing sessions are first one on one between the tester, the facilitator and a note-taker. Online and in-person sessions are available.
- If you want to know more, please reach out to Sydney here sydney@inclucitycalgary.ca

Barrier-Free Alberta Update

- BFA has been doing a social media campaign over the last 3-4 weeks and has gotten very good responses.
- Contacted all chambers of commerce in Alberta, community organizations across Calgary, MLAs and Ministers.
- We have conducted meetings with some stakeholders who have all been supportive of the cause.
- We have doubled our support over the last month. We started with 90 community stakeholders 40 organizations and 12 elected officials supporting us. We currently have over 217 community advocates, 101 organizations and 13 elected officials that support BFA.
- More news outlets have been interested in accessibility legislation and have been publishing opinion pieces, they can be found here: <https://www.barrierfreeab.ca/news> .
- The Alberta Party and the NDP have also made commitments to enacting accessibility legislation in Alberta, if you want to read further, please click here <https://www.barrierfreeab.ca/news>.



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Disability Action Hall Updates

- Recently put out three newsletters on getting ready for the election with Self-Advocacy Federation and Voices of Albertans with Disabilities for looking at a poverty reduction lens www.actionhall.ca
- As the election platforms are long and aren't in plain language, the Disability Action Hall put together a document summarizing each party's platform with 7 main topics in mind.
- All 14 political parties are included. If you click the party's logo, it will take you to its full platform. If you would like to see the interactive spreadsheet, please click here: <https://www.canva.com/design/DAFd4O6KtQY/l6EH-hppgXCFbVicbjR8dA/view#5>
- They are hosting an Alberta 2023 Leadership Debate Watch Party on May 18th, 2023, if interested, please click here: <https://calgaryscope.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcuusrjsqHNYOGQfyjDxgVhtkwIC2Ow9C#/registration>
- Share the poverty reduction recommendations that were sent to Minister Jeremy Nixon and Premier Danielle Smith on the website. These recommendations were asks based on our cost-of-living survey and have not been publicized yet.
- We will re-format the information, post the one-pager on the website and drive all relevant stakeholders there to be aware of our research and recommendations.

Action Items:

- Create a one-pager informing public officials and the public about what we heard from our cost-of-living survey. All the information is gathered, and we will be re-formatting an information sheet to go on the website.

Wrap-Up/Adjournment

Next meeting:

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