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Independent Facilitation
Perth County

NEWSLETTER FALL 2019

Update Board >>>

As of April 2019 the ministry funding ceased for Facile Perth Independent Facilitation.

The heart of the board members is driving their continued commitment to facilitation for people in pursuit of a more meaningful life.

Kathleen Gifford
Facile Board President

Return to Huronia
Dedication Memorial Huronia

On August 24, 2019 Joe Lambert, his wife and his facilitator drove to Orillia for the dedication ceremony "Honouring Lives lived and Lost at Huronia Regional Centre". Joe, our valued board member used to live at Huronia as a young boy. It left him scarred and traumatized for life. This was the first time going back for him since he left the institution about 40 years ago.

As Joe entered the grounds many memories came back to him. At first you see a lovely place, quiet, near the lake, with beautiful buildings. That is if you don't know the history of this place

The Huronia Regional Centre housed children and adults for more than 130 years. It was known as an institution for people with developmental delays. The centre's doors finally shut in 2009. Many children and adults died and we all heard the horrific stories about the abuse that happened between these walls

Survivors advocated long and hard for this monument.

The monument that was revealed is about 12-feet tall and features two pillars representing the institutional walls that trapped those inside.

Breaking through the pillars is a tree, with crows flying off the branches. Forget-me-nots and a butterfly symbolize remembrance and growth. Words on the walls reveal testaments from the survivors:

"You have no idea."

“Forced labour with no pay.”

"Babies died here."

These people are survivors. They didn't have a voice for many, many years but now they do. This monument is to honour those that lost their lives and to celebrate the survivors. For Joe this visit gave him some closure. He will continue to advocate to make sure people won't forget what has happened and that this will never happen again!



We welcome donations at any time. A cheque can be mailed to:

Facile Perth
32 Erie Street
Stratford, ON N5A

Thank you for your support and generosity.

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Enhancing Belonging Workshop

In the spring of 2019 Facile organized two workshops: "Enhancing Belonging" with John Lord acting as the facilitator for both workshops.

These workshops were very well received by attendees and we are happy to announce that we received a small grant through Stratford Perth Community Foundations which will allow us to plan more workshops this year. These workshops will be facilitated by John Lord and will focus on social isolation, loneliness and how to create a community action plan.

Our first workshop will take place on December 3rd 2019 in Stratford. This will be a different workshop from the workshop in the spring of 2019.



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PERTH

Enhancing Belonging Workshop

with John Lord

This workshop is a follow-up from the workshop held in May 2019. We welcome new people and those who attended the last workshop. The focus in this workshop will be on social isolation and we will make a start on a community action plan to reduce social isolation and loneliness. This workshop is for everyone who has a passion for community.

December 3, 2019 | 9AM- 4PM
Local Community Food Centre
612 Erie Street | Stratford

Partners:



This workshop is supported by a grant from the Richardson Family Fund, held within the Stratford Perth Community Foundation

A WORKSHOP FOR PEOPLE
WHO WANT TO
ENHANCE BELONGING
IN THEIR COMMUNITY
AND WHO WANT TO CREATE
AN ACTION PLAN TO REDUCE
SOCIAL ISOLATION AND
LONELINESS

In this workshop John Lord, recipient of an Order of Canada and author of several books on building inclusive communities will encourage us to think differently about our communities and how we can make our community one where everyone feels they belong.

Tickets to this full day workshop are \$60 pp. for organizations and \$30 pp. for community members. This includes lunch and workshop materials. Subsidies are available. Register: info@facileperth.ca or 519-271-6565. Registration deadline November 26th



STRATFORD PERTH
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Update Facile

Facile was part of the Independent Facilitation Demonstration Project during which we successfully worked with over 100 people to help them create meaningful lives.

As of April 2019 the funding for the Demonstration Project ended which left Facile without any core funding.

We continue to offer Independent Facilitation and Planning in a Fee- for Service Model.

People can use part of their Passport Funding to purchase Facilitation or they can pay out of pocket.

We have skilled facilitators in Perth, Oxford and Huron County.

As of June 2019 Diane Peacock has stepped down as the Executive Director. We would like to send her a heartfelt THANK YOU for her leadership and passion.

We are happy to say that Diane will continue to provide facilitation to families in Oxford County.

Mirjam Schut has taken over the admin position from Diane. She will continue to provide facilitation in Perth County and Gloria Workman is our facilitator in Huron County.

Do you have any questions regarding our services, please don't hesitate to contact Mirjam at 519 276 6565 or info@facileperth.ca

Workshop: "Let's talk about sex, relationships and how to stay safe"

Facile will be co-facilitating this important workshop on October 30th 2019 in Clinton. Talking about sexuality sometimes proves to be difficult and most often left without discussion. Research shows that people with a developmental disability are four to ten times more likely to be abused than people without a developmental disability. We also know that people with a developmental disability are longing for intimacy and relationships. This is why it's so important to have workshops where people learn about dating, how to be safe, consent and sexuality. This workshop is full but please watch for more workshops in the future.



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