



November 16-17, 2016

Holiday Inn

Toronto International Airport Conference Center

Independent Facilitation is an ongoing relationship designed to support CHANGE. Facilitators assist people with developmental disabilities in creating change that works for them, with the people they know and trust, families, friends, and allies,. The Common Threads Conference is an opportunity to learn and share about the impact that Facilitation can have on:

- **Creating CHANGE** ...how can Independent Facilitation support the changes that people envision and need?
- **CUSTOMIZING Support**...how can Independent Facilitation make it possible for people to customize the support they need?
- **CONTROL**...how can Independent Facilitation strengthen the capacity of people to control and direct their lives, and their support?
- **COMMUNITY INCLUSION and CITIZENSHIP**...how can Independent Facilitation foster connections and relationships that make it possible for people to be included and participate as valued contributing community members and citizens?

The Conference will be an opportunity to be inspired by the commitment, practice and stories of people working to create the world they want to live in.

Conference Fee:

The registration fee is \$295.

For people with a disability or a family member, tickets are available at a special rate of \$75.00

Bursary Info:

For more information about bursaries, contact:
Bill Rollo
Ph.-519-966-8094 or toll free 1-855-377-8094
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Accommodation:

A group rate for guest rooms is available at the Conference venue.

- Room rate: \$109/night + HST
- Reservations must be made by October 21
- Room rate after Oct. 21 \$149/night + HST

To book your room, please contact the hotel:

Phone: 1-416-674-4343

E-mail: reservations@yyzia.com

Please reference the "Ontario Independent Facilitation Network"

To register online go to:

<http://www.oifn.ca/common-threads-conference/>

November 16:

- 11:00 am - Registration opens
- 12:00 pm - Event begins with lunch served
- 1:30 pm - Conference Program Begins
- Dinner and snacks will also be provided.

Keynote Presenters

LUCINDA HAGE AND PAUL TILLER:

For 40 years, Lucinda has been encouraging others to achieve their potential through her roles as educator, counsellor, motivational speaker, workshop leader, advocate, and mother. Over the last twenty-eight years, her inspiration and challenge to work for inclusion, has been her son, Paul, who was born with a genetic disorder, Tuberous Sclerosis Complex. She founded Heads Up for Inclusion and the Amigos program to change attitudes in high schools toward students with disabilities, through relationships. She has earned numerous awards for her community activism in Peterborough where she lives. Her son Paul remains a continual source of inspiration for what is possible.

Paul is a young man with many passions and interests. One of the things he loves most is living in his own apartment and taking the bus to his job at the Holiday Inn, to the Wellness Center and to his work placement at Long and McQuade. Along the way he's been known to stop at Tim's for the odd iced cap!

Lucinda is the author of:

"What Time Is the 9:20 Bus?- A Journey to A Meaningful Life, Disability and All"

November 17:

- Hot breakfast buffet
- 9:00 am - Conference Program Begins
- 12:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Conference Program
- 4:00 pm Conference Ends.

Keynote Presenter

AL ETMANSKI:

Al is a community organizer, social entrepreneur and author. He is a founding partner of Social Innovation Generation (SiG) and BC Partners for Social Impact. Al's roots are firmly anchored in the disability movement thanks to daughter Liz. As co-founder of Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network (PLAN) he proposed and led the campaign to establish the world's only disability savings plan - the RDSP. Al is an Ashoka fellow, and a faculty member of John McKnight's Asset Based Community Development Institute (ABCD). He was recently awarded the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia.

Al has authored several books including:

Safe & Secure and more recently, ***IMPACT: Six patterns to Spread your Social Innovation.***



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