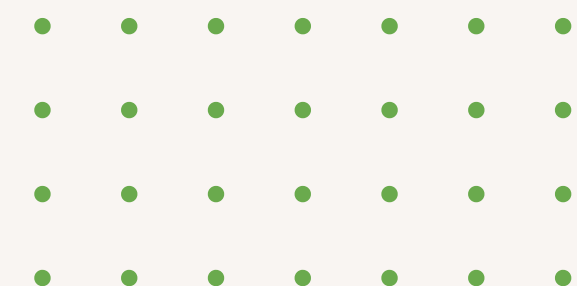


# DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP FACILITATION SESSION



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# Overview

The goal of this facilitation session was to build relationships and create a collective voice for establishing priorities for the coming year. The discussion was centered around the four founding pillars of the Disability Partnership.

01



## Education and Training

What types of training do you offer and what could you provide to the DP? What is your highest priority for training?

## Communication

How do you prefer to be communicated with and how often? What disability public education campaigns should be a priority?



02

03



## Capacity Building

How should knowledge be shared and with who? What kinds of calls do you get outside the scope of your organization? How can the DP help you build capacity?

## Informing Policy

What do you do in this area already? If you had a priority that you would like to see become policy, what would it be?

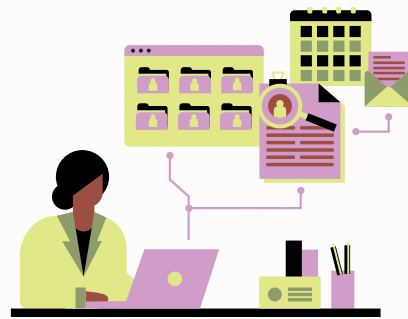


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# FEEDBACK ON MEMBERSHIP PLATFORM

Members came to a consensus that a membership platform would be a very useful tool. Three key potential benefits were identified:



## Comprehensive Resource List

Links to individual DP partner websites - helpful for members to be able to **navigate and direct** their own **clients**



## Knowledge of Upcoming Programs

Information on upcoming programs: ie **registration opening window**, pricing, contacts, capacity



## Feedback Portal for Members / Public

Enables the DP to seek **continuous feedback** from both members and the public on how the platform can be improved



# FIRST VOICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members came to a consensus that a provincial first voice advisory committee would be extremely beneficial for two key reasons:



Empowering to advisory  
committee participants



Enables first voices to have a  
voice at all levels of decision  
making





# EDUCATION & TRAINING

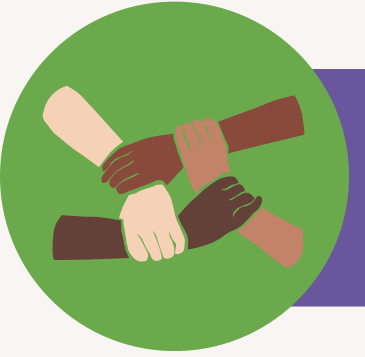




# Training Priorities



Public Speaking  
Skills and Outreach



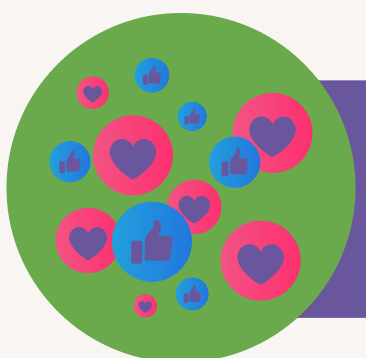
Recruiting Diverse  
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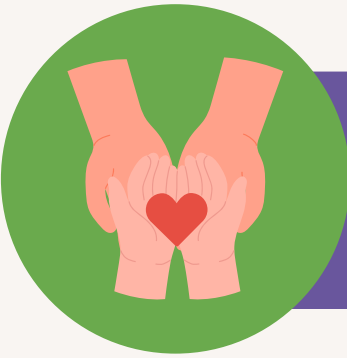
Fundraising and  
Donor Relations



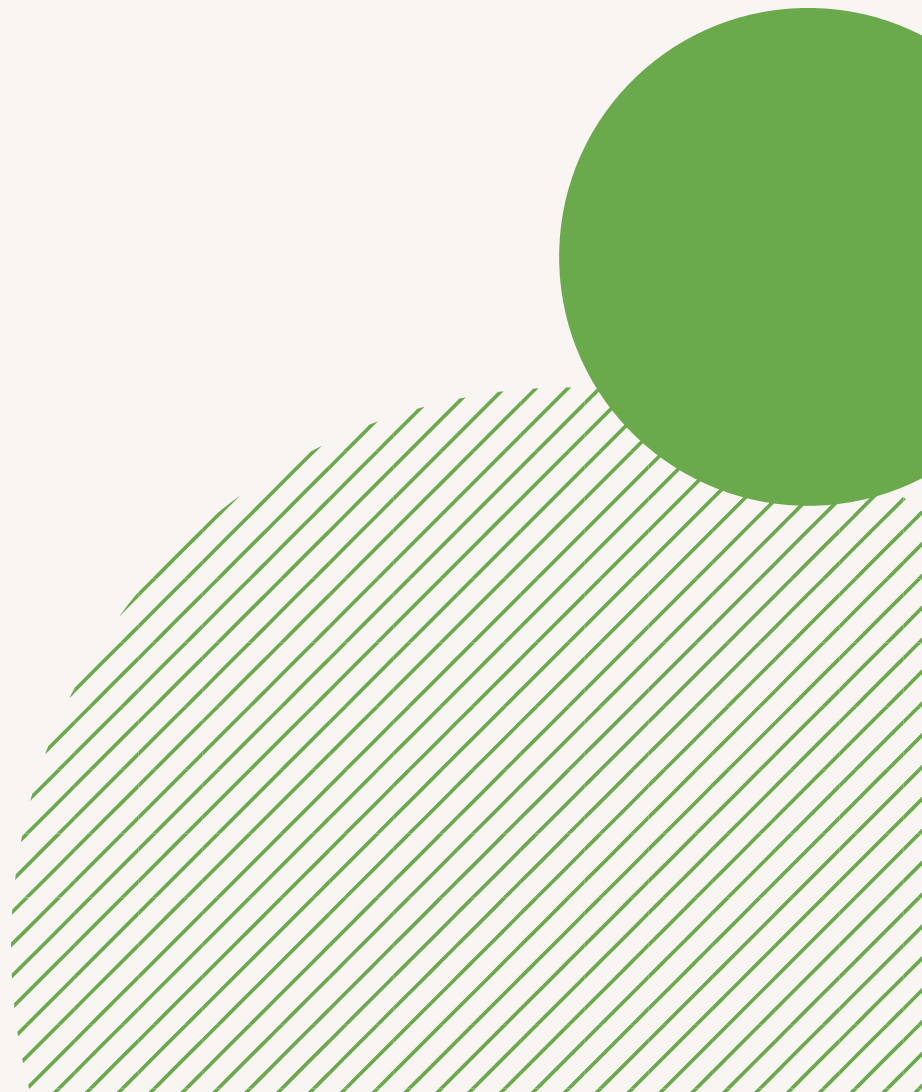
Accessing Disability  
Tax Credit



Social Media Training



Reconciliation:  
Role and Actions







**COMMUNICATION**



# Preferred Communication Methods



Email and Virtual  
Meetings

Social Media



Online Collaborative  
Platforms: Slack, Discord,  
Teams

Teams or LinkedIn



# Public Education Campaign Priorities



Industry Associations  
ie. Retail, Craft Beer etc



Businesses / Chamber  
of Commerce



Community Partners  
Outside Disability  
Community



University Students /  
Education Placement



Employers / Workplaces



Political Parties





# **CAPACITY BUILDING**



# Calls Outside Your Scope of Work



Access to primary care and mental health care



Navigating government funding systems and funding supports



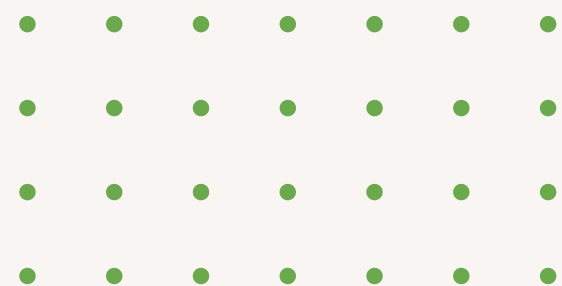
Receiving a medical diagnosis



Income assistance / disability support funding



Transit / Transportation Options





# How Should Knowledge be Shared



Through Existing Relationships

Convening Diverse Organisations



Sharing Success Stories

Functional / Accessible Online Database



# How Often Should We Convene

Monthly



Monthly updates via bulletin or newsletter

Quarterly



Quarterly via in person or online meetings or seminars

Annually



Annual conferences





# INFORMING POLICY



# Priorities for Policy Change



Helping the public understand how they can influence policy



Supported decision making



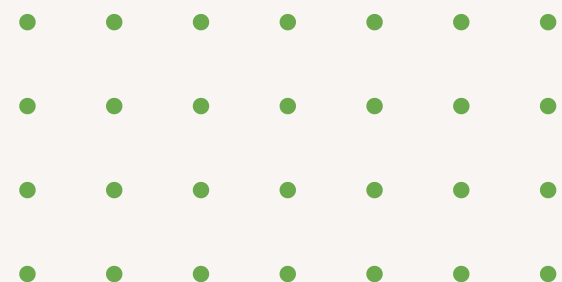
Volunteer incentives for more sectors



Changes to the Homes for Special Care Act



Right to accessible transport



# NEXT STEPS







Identify top two key priorities  
for each pillar via member  
survey





# THANK YOU

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