

Rotary Employment Partnership E-Blast

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 Inclusion Alberta

January 2022

Vocational Service Month

January is a special month for several reasons; many people are feeling the positive effects from holidays, it's an opportunity to start new goals, and it's Vocational Service Month!

"Our members and our clubs focus on vocational service throughout the year. Through local and international initiatives Rotarians build the capacity of others by sharing their talents and specialized expertise through mentoring relationships and training programs."

I am proud that District 5360 and 5370 have a long standing commitment to the Rotary Employment Partnership which creates meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. This partnership has life changing impacts on many people."

Paul Harris wrote: "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession".

-District Governor 5370 Donna Barrett (Rotary Club of Edmonton, Sunrise)



Jade and his colleague work hard securing shipment containers for DHL Express, Calgary.

Call to Action

The heart of the Rotary Employment Partnership is you, the individual Rotarian, spreading awareness about inclusive employment and linking the partnership to other Rotarians and businesses who are passionate about equal opportunity.

WE NEED YOU to connect us to people who are interested in learning more about inclusive hiring. There is no obligation for an employer to commit to hiring - we appreciate any opportunity to spread awareness about Diversity and Inclusion of people with developmental disabilities.

Here's a little elevator pitch to help guide your conversation:

"Have you heard of the Rotary Employment Partnership? It's a partnership between Rotary and Inclusion Alberta to change the 80% unemployment rate for people with developmental disabilities. We do this by finding real work for real pay, and Inclusion Alberta provides the supports necessary to ensure long term success. Let me connect you to an employment coordinator and they can answer all your questions."

If you are interested in knowing how your workplace or Rotary Club can become involved, please contact:

Wendy McDonald, District 5370 Rotary Employment Partnership Committee Chair, Inclusion Alberta Chief Operating Officer:

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Trina Steed, Inclusion Alberta Provincial Director, Employment Partnerships: tsteed@inclusionAlberta.org | 780-451-3055 ext. 426

Employment Partnership Steering Committee

While individual Rotarians making connections is the heart of the Rotary Employment Partnership, the Steering Committees and Representatives are the lungs that keep blood and oxygen pumping into the heart. Committee members distribute information, generate new ideas on engagement, brainstorm possible networks and opportunities, and most importantly- they lead by example by connecting their networks to the partnership, often resulting in employment opportunities.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CURRENT STEERING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES ACROSS THE PROVINCE!

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Red Deer

Rotary Club of Red Deer: [Amanda Bruin- Committee Chair](#), Donna Purcell
East: Alice Kolisnyk, Liz Audenart, Garnet Ward
Sunrise: Patricia Arango

Calgary/Area

Rotary Club of Calgary: [Mike Colborne- Committee Chair](#), Allan McMillan, Ryan Tizzard
Centennial: Liz Lyle
Chinook: Bev Tonkinson
East: Christine Rendell- District Liaison
Fish Creek: Jennifer Harris
Heritage Park: Harold Aitkenhead
Olympic: Dick Cooke
Stampede Park: Steve Mason, Hans Tiedemann
West: Bill Quinney
Independent: Bill Dowhaluk

Rotary Club of Airdrie: Dale Rathgeber

Foothills

Rotary Club of High River: Orvella Small, Bruce Campbell

Rotary Club of Okotoks: Jim Landon

[Committee Chair-Vacant](#)

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Grande Prairie

Rotary Club of Grande Prairie: Alison Downing
After Five: [Lionel Frey- Committee Chair](#)
Swan City: Erin Lynch
Sunrise: Shirley McDonald
Grande Prairie Rotaract: Brooke Funk

Edmonton/Area:

Rotary Club of St. Albert
[Andre Charrois- Committee Chair](#), Bob McGinn

Rotary Club of Edmonton South: Abdul Remtulla
Sunrise: [Wendy McDonald - District Chair](#), Bruce Uditsky, Donna Barrett - District Governor
Mayfield: Derek Jay
Urban Spirits: Scott Young
YEG Passport: Kavitha Jayachandran
Independent: Jeff Simpson

Rotary Club of Spruce Grove: Brad Mastaler

Lloydminster/Vermillion

Rotary Club of Lloydminster: [Kathy Jeffrey- Committee Chair](#)
Tara Ferguson
Wayde Blythe
Jason Whiting
Robin Acton
Peter Parkinson
Border City : Karla Furman

Rotary Club of Vermillion
Laurel Wynnychuk

Don't see your club?

If you are interested in representing your club on a steering committee, please contact the Committee Chair in your community.



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