

WELCOME TO OUR

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter!



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Hello!

Welcome to the newly launched newsletter of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee! In this edition, you'll find updates on various recognition days and months, news about our committee's activities, and the latest initiatives from CLS focused on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee works to promote and support a culture of equity, diversity, and inclusion within the organization. The committee is responsible for organizing events and initiatives that raise awareness and educate members about the importance of these values. They also collaborate with different departments to integrate EDI principles into the organization's policies and practices, ensuring that all individuals feel welcomed and valued. Additionally, the EDI Committee monitors progress and suggests improvements to foster an inclusive environment.

In Search of New Members!

Are you passionate about Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, (EDI)? Do you want to help foster a workplace where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to belong?

We're looking for enthusiastic staff members to join the CLS EDI Committee. This is an opportunity to collaborate with colleagues, share ideas, support meaningful initiatives, and help shape a more inclusive and accessible Community Living Society.

Whether you're new to EDI or have previous experience, your unique perspective is welcome.

Interested in joining?

Please email edi@clsbc.ca to express your interest.

Together, we can continue building a workplace where everyone belongs and every voice matters.



May was Accessibility Month – Check out what we did!

Community Living Society was proud to partner with Oxygen Yoga & Fitness for a special Adaptive Fitness Class, bringing together participants, staff, and instructors for an energizing and inclusive afternoon of movement.

The class was thoughtfully adapted to ensure everyone could participate at their own pace and ability. Participants enjoyed a welcoming environment where they were encouraged to challenge themselves, celebrate their achievements, and most importantly, have fun. The session focused on strength, mobility, balance, and overall well-being while promoting confidence through accessible fitness.

The partnership highlighted the importance of creating inclusive spaces within the fitness community and demonstrated how small adaptations can make a meaningful difference. Participants left feeling empowered, accomplished, and excited for future opportunities to stay active.

A heartfelt thank you to the incredible team at Oxygen Yoga & Fitness for their enthusiasm, support, and commitment to making fitness accessible for all. We look forward to continuing this partnership and creating more opportunities for inclusive health and wellness in our community.



Check out our accessibility map!

The EDI was able to create an accessibility map on Google Maps thanks to everyone's input during "Mission Accessibility!"

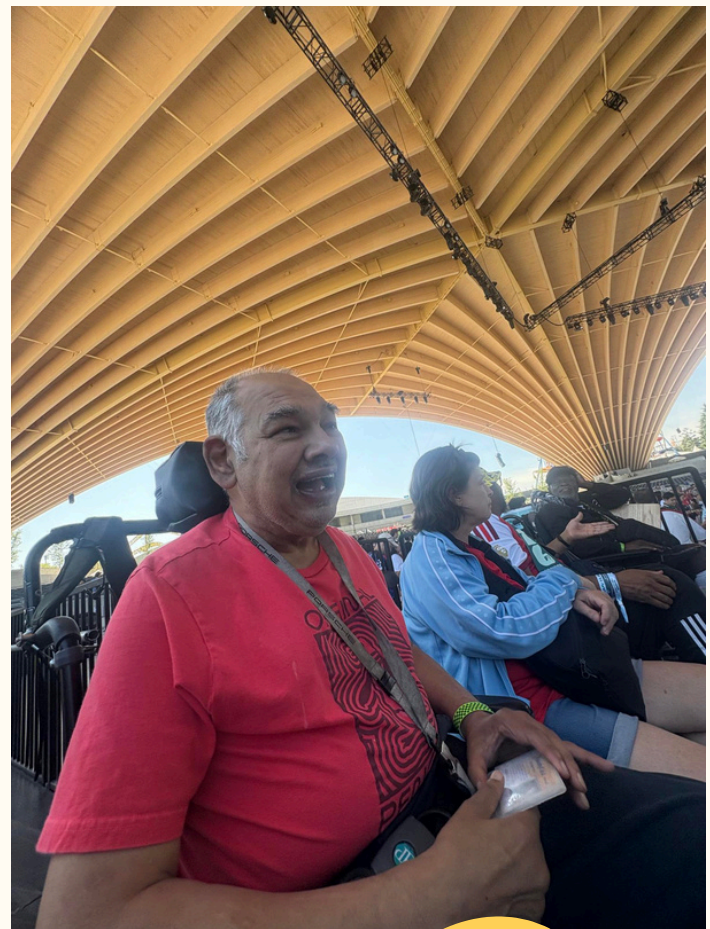
Please scan the QR below to check it out!

We are always looking for more accessible places to add, therefore, if you think of a place that is missed, feel free to email edi@clsbc.ca !

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FIFA – Cultural Connection



The FIFA World Cup gave people a platform to celebrate their different cultures. FIFA events encourage fans from different backgrounds to come together, sharing their languages, attire, and culinary specialties. For individuals, this global gathering not only reinforces their cultural identity but also offers valuable learning experiences about other cultures. The shared enthusiasm for soccer bridges language barriers, promoting mutual respect and understanding. As a result, individuals gain a deeper appreciation of global diversity while discovering commonalities that connect them to others.