

Disability Employment Month



RUSH OF THE COMMUNITY by *Brandon Dahl*

Disability Employment Month – ASTTBC Connecting!

September 2015 is BC's second annual Disability Employment Month during which the BC Government and other stakeholders will celebrate the contribution of people with disabilities and celebrate employers who have established an inclusive work environment.

Over the past couple of years ASTTBC has been connecting with organizations working to support and assist people with disabilities, most notably as their talents are realized and put into action in the workplace and broader community. Here are a few examples of what ASTTBC is doing:

- ASTTBC staff regularly invites folk from Studio 73, a shop specializing in fused glass and affiliated with the Community Living Society, to bring their work to the office. Their amazing work has brought many sales over the years. YOUR business in Metro Vancouver may wish to invite Studio 73 to visit and showcase their work. [HERE](#) is their [WEBSITE](#)
- Brandon Dahl, also affiliated with Community Living Society, designed a 'special note' sheet for ASTTBC. See his design in the header above. Brandon recently provided ASTTBC with several designs for possible use in products and services such as the ASTTBC Salary Survey and ASTTBC Member Satisfaction Survey
- SAFERhome Society BC has recently connected again with ASTTBC to look for ways to collaborate. ASTTBC is supporting SAFERhome in their work to promote sustainable living design and construction in residential buildings
- ASTTBC is engaging with the Community Living Society to explore ways the two groups might collaborate to define and promote careers for people with disabilities in engineering and technology fields. ASTTBC anticipates our engagement could result in such actions as a survey

of ASTTBC members and their employers to determine the roles being performed by people with disabilities and an awareness program that elevates support among technology employers.

ASTTBC has in recent years engaged with the BC Government as we help elevate awareness of technology careers. During these conversations ASTTBC has indicated an interest in partnering with the BC Government and other agencies to advance technology careers with people with disabilities

ASTTBC supports Disability Employment Month and will continue to support the full utilization of the many skills of persons with disabilities.