

## Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC)

Quarterly Report (Nov 2023 – Jan 2024)

**NCRC Feb 3, 2024**

- Continued growth in membership and mobilization
- Inaugural education & awareness event held virtually on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> recognizing and celebrating International Day for Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and International Human Rights Day (IHRD) Dec 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Guest speaker, Melissa Egan from Realize Canada, on Episodic Disabilities and on the differences between accessibility, accommodation and inclusion
  - Living Experience by MDAC Secretary, Jade Conrad
  - Recorded and held with MDAC for future use / training
  - Proposing similar annual events
- Proposed amendments to Bylaw/Terms of Reference (ToR) to be voted on at meeting on March 7, 2024
- MDAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for March 7, 2024 @ 17:30. All executive positions (5) open for nominations
- Leading, with the OAC, mobilization on Canada Life
- Priority is on Advice, Advocacy and Social Justice
- Ongoing focus on procurement of swag to include:
  - Purple Ribbons
  - Purple Grip Jar Openers
  - Noise Makers
  - Ear plugs
    - Continued distribution of existing stock:
      - Pens
      - Whistles
      - Black Grip Jar Openers
      - Lanyards
      - Binder Clips

MDAC looks forward to a fulsome, active, accessible and successful year ahead!

Karen Kenniphaas

MDAC Chair