Project Summaries

The Environmental Health Association of Quebec (ASEQ-EHAQ) - The Empowering Community and Removal of Barriers (ECRoB)

The Empowering Community and Removal of Barriers (ECRoB) project addresses the challenges faced by individuals with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS), a recognized medical disability (CHRC, 2007). Through education, advocacy, and collaboration, the project seeks to foster awareness and create inclusive environments. Key initiatives include conducting workshops, promoting scent-free policies, and supporting the development of national standards for accessibility. ECRoB also engages stakeholders across medical, legal, and policy sectors, empowering individuals with MCS to advocate for their rights. By building partnerships and disseminating research findings, the project aims to reduce stigma, improve accessibility, and drive systemic change for those affected.

DEEN Support Services - the IDEA Project: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility

The IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility) Project is dedicated to addressing barriers to accessibility and inclusion, with a focus on the intersections of race and disability in Canada. The project aims to build the capacity of the disability sector as well as other sectors, both FRO (Federally Regulated Organizations) and non-FRO, in understanding and addressing these intersections.

Through the development of tailored IDEA initiatives, the project supports disability sector leaders, organizations striving to advance diversity and inclusion, as well as Indigenous, Black, and racialized people with disabilities and their organizations. Participants are offered specially designed programs and professional development opportunities that will help drive systemic change toward a barrier-free Canada.

New Society Institute (NSI) - The Accessibility Exchange

The Accessibility Exchange is an online platform that connects the disability and Deaf communities, and supporters, with organizations that are “regulated” or supervised and monitored by the federal government, so that together they can work on accessibility projects, as required by the *Accessible Canada Act*.

Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD) - Partnerships for Financial Inclusion

Partnerships for Financial Inclusion: Enabling Canadians with disabilities to engage fully in the economy by addressing barriers to financial inclusion.

Physical and Health Education Canada (PHE Canada)– Game Changers

Game Changers is a pilot project led by Physical and Health Education Canada (PHE Canada) that builds the capacity of students and school staff to provide quality, inclusive school physical activity programming and leadership opportunities for students of all abilities. Students of all abilities are engaged in the planning and implementation of physical activity programming, including taking on coaching and mentoring roles, leading to increased participation, and retention, of youth of all abilities in physical activity.