



Richmond Centre for Disability

“Promoting a new perspective on disability”

2012 Business Excellence Awards – Association of the Year Winner

WELCOME TO RCD

The RCD membership and participation registration is open to any individual with disabilities, their families, friends and community members who are interested in the promotion of self-determination; any organizations of/for persons with disabilities; any person who provides assistance or services to people with disabilities; or volunteers who contribute their services to the RCD, or businesses that support the work of the RCD, as well as sponsors and donors of the RCD.

- A. RCD Voting Member – entitle an individual to voting privilege at the RCD Annual General Meeting and members’ meetings, and become eligible to run for and serve on the RCD Board of Directors
- B. RCD Participant – individuals with disabilities who access the services of and participate in the activities at the RCD
- C. RCD Affiliate – community partner and supporters, family members and friends of people with disabilities, anyone who is passionate and supportive of the RCD goals and mission, and/or want to be involved; RCD Chinese Support Group
- D. RCD Volunteer – individuals who volunteer at the RCD
- E. Community Agency – open to any service providers and organizations, professionals, government, institutional or community-based entity that is interested in and supportive of the purpose of the RCD
- F. Friends of RCD – sponsors, donors and supporters of RCD, including individuals and businesses

All newly joined will receive an “Initiation Info Package” detailing the services and activities of the organization, as well as history and information about the RCD. Everyone is welcome to become involved with the RCD community, and participate in the Committee level and strategic meetings, which will make recommendations to the RCD Board of Directors regarding directives and governance of the organization. Participants also have access to the RCD activities, computer access site and Information and Networking Service. In addition, there is the option to receive the RCD newsletters and announcements of functions and activities.

FEE STRUCTURE

- A. RCD Voting Member – \$20 joining fee, renewable at \$20 on an annual basis, subsidy available on request
- B. RCD Participant– \$10 joining fee, renewable at \$5 on an annual basis, subsidy available on request
- C. RCD Affiliate – \$10 one-time joining fee
- D. RCD Volunteer – all fees waived
- E. Community Agency – \$10 joining fee, renewable at \$10 on an annual basis
- F. Friend of RCD – donation of \$1,000 or above

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION

By being a RCD voting member, participant, affiliate and/or volunteer, you can bring to us and the community at large, the following benefits:

1. Contribute your knowledge, experience and insight to the shaping and evolution of the RCD and to the fulfillment of our mandate.
2. Provide the RCD with the coveted broadness of representation of the disability community, both quantitatively and qualitatively.
3. Being a source of information on matters related to and act as a voice for people with disabilities.
4. Contribute, from the perspective of a person with disabilities, your ideas and opinions on economic, political, social and cultural aspects of the community.
5. Suggest, facilitate or support RCD projects, services and activities that may be required to achieve the charitable purposes of the organization.
6. Demonstrate your general support for the existence and work of the RCD and be an active participant to lead or ride along the exciting journey by accessing our services, attending functions, participating in committee, or simply showing your moral and financial support.

BENEFITS

- ▶ Voting members are to direct the works of the RCD and can serve on the board
- ▶ Participants must register and renew registration annually to join RCD's activities
- ▶ Affiliates are to support the work of the RCD
- ▶ Community agencies can enjoy some free or discounted services of RCD such as Accessibility Survey and Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Training
- ▶ Everyone will receive the RCD newsletter Access Key, recreational newsletter and all email communications
- ▶ Voting members and Friends of RCD will be invited to RCD special events
- ▶ Friends of RCD get recognition in the RCD annual report in the year donation is received; as well as go on the Wall of Recognition on RCD website