

## **Agenda**

3:30 - 9:00	Registration
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9:00 - 9:15 **Ice Breaker** 

9:15 – 10:30 The BC Labor Market And How It Pertains To People With Diverse Abilities

presented by Christian Saint Cyr of the BC Labour Market Report

Over twenty-five years, Christian Saint Cyr has established himself as a leading labour market expert in British Columbia. As publisher of the BC and Ontario Labour Market Reports, Christian advises thousands of career professionals throughout both provinces and across the country and regularly works with representatives of business, education, and government. In this capacity, he is regularly called upon by media outlets such as Global and the CBC to share his labour market insights.

10:30 - 10:45 **BREAK** 

10:45 - 12:30 Work Integrated Social Enterprises

presented by Stacey Corriveau of the BC Centre for Social Enterprise

Social enterprise can be an impactful expression of training and employment for differently-abled people. In the Community Living sector, some Work Integrated Social Enterprises (WISE's) enable long-term employment within the agency itself; while others provide patient and temporary training and soft supports that transition folks to mainstream employment in the community. This project is spearheaded by the BC Employment Network.

12:30-1:15 **LUNCH** 

## 1:15-2:30 Entrepreneurs on the Rise

presented by Amber Sparks and Matt Vissers of ETHOS Career Management Group

Join Matt and Amber for a session exploring self-employment as a viable career path for individuals with disabilities. Sharing real-world experiences and lessons learned, this session will share insights to guide your clients toward a fulfilling and empowered future through self-employment.

## 2:30 – 3:00 **MentorAbility**

presented by Jillian Bradley of Inclusion BC

MentorAbility connects Mentors (professionals) with Protégés (people with intellectual and developmental disabilities) for a full day or half-day to explore career opportunities. MentorAbility is a Canada-wide program, delivered by Inclusion BC in British Columbia. MentorAbility helps employers access a new talent pool, and develop new employee engagement and inclusion skills. Plus, you'll boost creativity and innovation by bringing new perspectives to the workplace with inclusive teams.

3:00 - 3:15 **WRAP UP** 

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