

# CITIZENSHIP ENGAGEMENT TOOL

## A Guide to Community Consultation for the Development of an Independent Living Resource Centre



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## **Message from the National Director of the Canadian Association of Independent Living Centre**

The development of an Independent Living Resource Centre can be an energizing and empowering experience for a community, however information, resources and support are important elements to have in place.

We are delighted to offer individuals this manual to use as a guide to ensure that all citizens in the community feel welcomed and able to participate. Indeed, it is important to have all voices heard when the community comes together to address issues such as the need for an Independent Living Resource Centre.

We hope that the manual helps to provide readers with usable and practical information to ensure that people with disabilities can share ideas and solutions.

Given that this project was about citizenship engagement at the community level, we are delighted that the Vernon Disability Resource Centre offered their expertise to bring this manual together. We are equally pleased that many of our Centres offered ideas, feedback and support to the staff, volunteers and community members who worked on this in Vernon. Many thanks to all for their hard work to complete this project.

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