



Focus Disability Network Society Meeting

- Date & Time:** Wednesday, March 9, 2011
9:00 to 11:30 A.M.
- Location:** **Communitas Supportive Care Society**
103 - 2776 Bourquin Cresc. W
Abbotsford, BC
- 9:00 – 9:15** **Introductions, update** on what's happening in the community and with partnering agencies.
- 9:15 – 9:30** **Brian Mackie** of **CNIB** will give us an update of their services, and show us devices used to support those who are blind, visually impaired and deafblind. He will also briefly talk about EATI—the Equipment and Assistive Technology Initiative.
- 9:30 – 10:00** **Earla Legault** from **Fraser Valley Regional Library** will come to talk and answer questions about library materials, equipment and services available to people with print disabilities and mobility issues.
- 10:00 – 10:15** **Mike Keller** from **Fraser Valley Hearing Services** will present “Hearing Loss is there a cure?” Topics will include types of hearing loss, ringing in the ears (Tinnitus) and different solutions to assist with hearing loss. He will bring some examples of assisted listening devices.
- 10:15 – 10:30** **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 10:30 – 10:45** **John Connor** of **Tetra Society** will talk about how they support people with disabilities through the customization, design and building of assistive devices.
- 10:45 – 11:30** **Bruce Mesman** of **ATBC** will present and provide hands on demonstration how you, as practitioners in the field, can support the use of assistive technology within training and/or employment. He will also talk about the Canada Study Grant and the EPPD program from his experience.

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