

Novotel Parramatta, Wednesday 25 March 9.30 - 4.30pm Cost including lunch + refreshments: Families & students \$30 | Educators \$110

Achieving quality schooling has always required a collaborative and trusting partnership between schools, parents and communities and the same holds true for inclusive education. However, as inclusive education can still be seen as controversial or challenging, advancing inclusive education may require a strengthened partnership between schools, parents and communities. This workshop provides a unique opportunity for **educational leaders, teachers and parents** to consider together how the provision of inclusive education for students with disabilities can be advanced.

As with any positive approach to change we will better understand existing strengths in the practice of inclusive education, and how these can be built upon to address continuing challenges. This workshop will be of interest to educational leaders, teachers and parents and where possible, we invite schools to consider sending a team consisting of a school leader plus teachers and parents of children with and without disabilities to collaborate and learn together. This is a facilitated participatory event; as such, content as to strengths, challenges and next steps will be generated by those in attendance with the intent of making the event directly relevant and useful at the school and classroom level.

Topics include:

- school and classroom inclusion quality benchmarks
- inclusive classrooms and their connection to community inclusion
- · peers as learning mediators

- how inclusive education contributes to post-school success
- creating trusting partnerships
- challenges and possible resolutions.

ADVANCING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION Working together on the next steps

About Bruce Uditsky

Bruce Uditsky, M.Ed., is the CEO Emeritus of Inclusion Alberta and its former CEO for over 25 years. Bruce is internationally recognised for his leadership and advocacy in social justice and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. He was instrumental in the development of Alberta's education standards on the inclusion of students with disabilities and served on the government's inclusive education advisory committee for more than two decades. Bruce is an Associate with Inclusive Education Canada and as an adjunct professor taught for many years undergraduate and graduate courses on inclusive education.



Bruce is the principal founder of Inclusive Post-Secondary Education and co-founder of the Rotary Employment Partnerships, both of which have been formally recognized as world leading innovations. He has consulted and taught in many countries and is the author and co-author of books, chapters and articles on inclusion. He is the parent of two adult sons, one of whom has developmental disabilities.

Bruce is the recipient of the Alberta Centennial Medal, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, multiple Communicator of the Year awards, a Paul Harris Fellowship and the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Gary McPherson Leadership award, among other acknowledgements.

About Family Advocacy

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