The Yukon Human Rights Commission (YHRC) is partnering with Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI) to develop a program of independent disability rights monitoring for Yukon.

Disability Rights Monitoring uses a holistic approach with persons with disability in the lead roles to track disability rights using human rights principles.

What is rights monitoring?
Rights monitoring includes finding out what is going on, taking notes, doing interviews, collecting data, and using indicators to measure progress. Participants will learn to monitor individual experiences by interviewing people about when they were treated differently because of their disability. This data will be used for rights promotion, policy making, and preparing reports to the UN and government.

What do you mean by 'disability'? 
The term ‘disability’ is used in the context of the human rights model of disability. People with disabilities are rights holders who are entitled to all the rights enjoyed by others. Disability is a feature of natural human diversity. Society creates barriers as a result of political, legal, social, economic, cultural, and physical inequalities.

How will I benefit from this training?
Participants will gain valuable skills and knowledge in the areas of human rights, disability, and conducting interviews. The YHRC values the time and experience of people with disabilities. Participants will receive an honorarium and will be provided with all the supplies needed to be a Disability Rights Monitor.

How can I be involved?
People with disabilities can apply to attend the disability rights monitoring training. After completing the training, people can decide to sign up as Disability Rights Monitors. If you are interested in being interviewed by a Disability Rights Monitor, please contact the YHRC.

If there is anything you need to ensure you can participate equally in this training, please inform the Yukon Human Rights Commission of your accommodation request.
Who will be training the Disability Rights Monitors?
Dr. Marcia Rioux, Director of Disability Rights Promotion International, will deliver the training. Read her bio below.

Disability Rights Promotion International is a Toronto-based NGO affiliated with York University which was established in 2002 to promote a comprehensive, sustainable international system to monitor the human rights of people with disabilities.

Applications are due November 2, 2018.
Applications will be kept confidential.
YHRC is independent of the Yukon Government.

Marcia H. Rioux, C.M., PhD is the Director of Disability Rights Promotion International and Distinguished Research Professor at York University with extensive experience in community-based participatory research. She has lectured throughout the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia. She has been an advisor to federal and provincial commissions, parliamentary committees, and international NGO’s as well as United Nations agencies. Dr. Rioux teaches Critical Disability Studies at York University and is a member of the Order of Canada (2014).

Susan L. Hardie, PhD is the Executive Director of the Canadian Centre on Disability Studies. She has been active in the cross-disability field for over thirty years in various capacities (i.e. community organizer, advocate, clinician, educator, researcher, service provider) in her community, nationally and internationally. Her choice to work in the cross-disability field, came out of her own lived experiences, mostly negative and de-humanizing but also a few positive helping relations, as a woman diagnosed with a mental health issue. She immersed herself in the very system reform processes that had harmed her, to learn not only how the interactions could support such negative “care” experiences, but also to learn how to increasingly propose strategies/solutions that would lead to increased “positive” care experiences with, and for others.

The Yukon Human Rights Commission is hosting a two day Disability Rights Symposium with a focus on human rights, disability, and inclusion in Yukon.

To register:
• Contact the YHRC
• Visit our website
• Check our Facebook page

All are welcome.

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