



Leadership Today Newsletter

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October 20, 2006

Board meetings are open to
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My Experience Teaching *Supporting Self-Advocacy*

Hello, my name is Janine Kroy and I wanted to tell you about my experience teaching the new *Supporting Self-Advocacy* workshop on September 22nd.

The class had 22 people and it was taught to support workers. It was held at the PDD office in Edmonton.

We talked about many different subjects including advocacy, self-advocacy, human rights, building self-confidence, knowing how people can and cannot trust you and different ways of how to listen.

During the workshop there were some group activities.

From what I could tell, the participants really enjoyed the group activities.

During my teaching I had to give many examples of the different subjects. I loved telling my stories because people could understand where I was coming from. When I teach, I try to bring in a little humour, just so the teaching is a little more interesting.

For lunch we had sandwiches and squares. I taught all the morning and also taught in the afternoon.

I really love teaching, because I really enjoy meeting new people and spreading the word on how important self-advocacy and advocacy are.



Janine leads students in a group activity during training

Other News



Presentations: On September 25, Derrick S. and Rhonda gave a talk about Leadership Today at Selections, an agency in Edmonton.

Board good-bye: Tedda Kaminski has decided to leave the Leadership Today Board. We wish her well and will miss her.



Leadership Today video: Kathleen is making a video for Leadership Today to help us tell our story. We will use it when we make presentations about Leadership Today. The video will show people some of the things we do during training. Some of our graduates will also tell what they have done since they took *Leadership Training*.



Newsletter timing: When does the Leadership Today Newsletter come out? Is it every other month or four times a year? It has been hard for us to decide. But we know that it is important to our members to know when they will get the next newsletter. So we talked it over and decided we will do a newsletter near the start of each season.

Long distance calls: You can no longer use the government Rite Line (310-0000) to call Leadership Today for free if you live outside Edmonton. If you call long distance, tell us your phone number. Then we will call you back to talk. This way your call to us will cost you less than a dollar. Our phone number is still (780) 422-3087.



Training Updates...



September 5 - 8: A *Train-the-Trainer* course was held in Edmonton. Congratulations to all who took part in this course!

September 22: A *Supporting Self-Advocacy* workshop was held for staff in Edmonton. Janine, Rhonda and Kathleen co-facilitated the first full-day form of this workshop. Thanks to Edmonton PDD who hosted the class and to the staff who took part and gave us feedback.

October 5: Janine, Kathleen and Rhonda co-facilitated a *Supporting Self-Advocacy* workshop in Camrose (Central region). Thanks to all of our participants for their feedback.

Remember to...



- **call the Leadership Today office** if you know anyone who is interested in taking a course.
- **send us stories that talk about Leadership Today** in newspapers or newsletters.
- **keep in touch** with Leadership Today if there is any self-advocacy news in your region.
- **give us your new address** if you move, so you get important notices and newsletters.