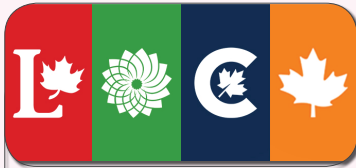


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since 1962



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**JOEY OOGAAQ REPRESENTS** The Odd Job Squad on the cover of today's edition of Yellowknifer! See page 5 to view reporter Ethan Butterfield's update on The Squad's activities as we head into the fall season.

We provide lifelong support for individuals with disabilities and their families in the NWT, since 1962.

# inclusion nwt newsletter

# 09/17/2021



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# Election guide

## 2021 Federal Election : Commitments on Issues Impacting the Disability Community

Inclusion Canada

On September 20, Canada will have a federal election. 22% of people in Canada over the age of 15 have a disability.

### Liberal Party of Canada

[www.liberal.ca/our-platform](http://www.liberal.ca/our-platform)



- Will finish work on the Canada Disability Benefit.
- Will build an employment strategy for Canadians with disabilities.
- Will invest in Ready, Willing and Able.
- Will consult on and implement a Disability Inclusion Action Plan.
- Will hire 50,000 personal support workers and raise their wages.
- Will deliver \$10 a day childcare within five years.
- Will make the Canada Caregiver Credit refundable and tax-free.

### Conservative Party of Canada

[www.conservative.ca/plan](http://www.conservative.ca/plan)



- Will lower the number of therapy hours needed to be eligible for DTC.
- Will repeal some aspects of Bill C-7 (medical assistance in dying).
- Will overhaul disability supports and benefits so working is profitable.
- Will make the Child Care Expense deduction refundable.
- Will boost number of personal support workers.
- Will double the Canada Workers Benefit and Disability Supplement.
- Will provide an extra \$80 million/year for Enabling Accessibility fund.

### New Democratic Party (NDP)

[www.ndp.ca/commitments](http://www.ndp.ca/commitments)



- Will create at least 500,000 units of quality affordable housing.
- Will expand Medicare to include prescription drug coverage.
- Will provide dental and mental health care to uninsured Canadians.
- Will uphold the UNCRPD and strengthen the Accessibility Act.
- Will introduce guaranteed liveable income for all Canadians.
- Will make the Canada Caregiver Tax Credit refundable.
- Will build a universal \$10 a day (inclusive) child-care.

### Green Party of Canada

[www.greenparty.ca](http://www.greenparty.ca)



- Will work to create a Canada Disabilities Act (CDA).
- Will build a Guaranteed Liveable Income for people with disabilities.
- Will make the Disability Tax Credit refundable.
- Will enforce the Employment Equity Act fight workplace discrimination.
- Will redesign the Canada Pension Plan/Disability Benefit test.
- Will support a national equipment fund to help with the cost of tools needed to participate in work and community life



**BOARD MEMBERS** Esther Rowe (from left), Tony Florio, Ben Russo (Board President) volunteer alongside client Eva Charlo during the association's 2018 Valentine's Weekend Pancake Breakfast. Inclusion NWT is looking to fill a vacancy on our volunteer board in October.

## Inclusion NWT board seeks new member

by Inclusion NWT staff

**ARE YOU** or someone you know looking for another opportunity to make a big difference in your community?

The Inclusion NWT Board invites individuals to put their name forward to our board's nominating committee.

The Inclusion NWT board strives to be representative of people with different experience and backgrounds.

A letter of interest or a resume would be appreciated!

(867) 920-2644  
board@InclusionNWT.ca



**GINA FLORIO** and Jessica Florio volunteer during a board event in 2015.

## BOARD NOTES



**YELLOWKNIFE CO-OP** gave away \$40,000 to local charities picked by their customers this summer.

## CO-OP customer picks Inclusion NWT

**CARMEL SULLIVAN** chose to donate \$1,000 to Inclusion NWT as part of Yellowknife Co-op's 40 days of \$1,000 donations, in celebration of the grocer's 40-year anniversary.

The funds will be used to support our Skills Training & Community Inclusion programming for those who need additional supports with basic literacy and social engagement skills.

Thank you Carmel and happy anniversary to Yellowknife Co-op!

## AGM Oct. 21

**THE 2021** Inclusion NWT Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 5:15pm Thurs., Oct. 21, via Zoom.

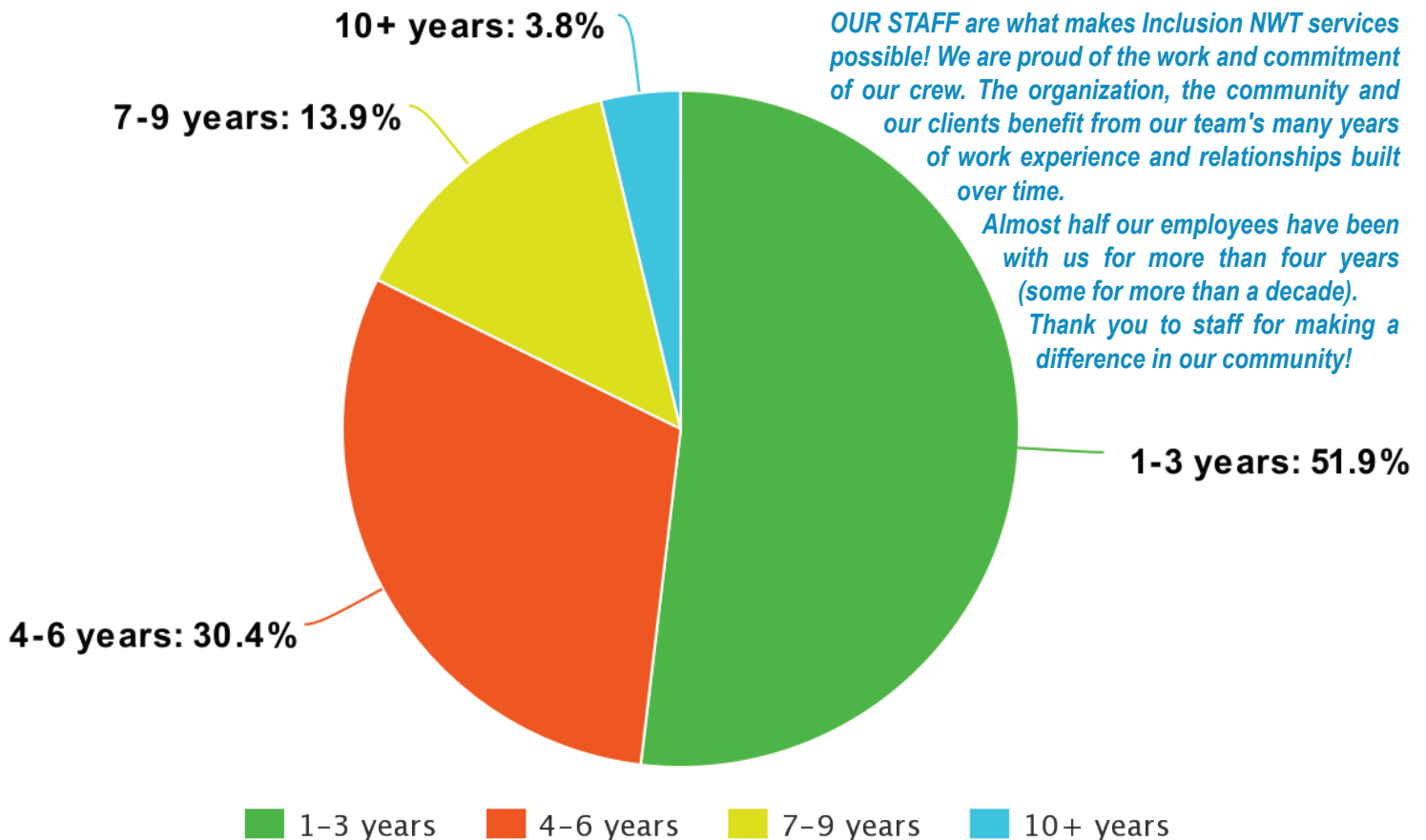
Please RSVP in advance to receive the Zoom link required to join.

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board@InclusionNWT.ca



# STAFF RETENTION



## WE ARE HIRING!

### RESPIRE WORKERS (casual)

- 6-10 hrs per week
- Mostly evenings and weekends

### SUPPORTED LIVING WORKERS (casual)

- Mostly evenings and weekends
- P/T Sat & Sun

### SKILLS & SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT FACILITATOR (full-time or part-time)

LOIC BURNS BAKES an edible version of the Inclusion NWT Staff Retention Chart.

Please send resume & cover letter to: [ed@InclusionNWT.ca](mailto:ed@InclusionNWT.ca)



# Pandemic poll: preparing for an unprecedented election

Residents in isolation can't vote in person; returning officer works closely with public health on safety in polling locations; candidates respond to Alternatives North survey

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Photo courtesy of Inclusion NWT

## Demand for Odd Job Squad continues to grow

Yellowknife citizens give service rave reviews online

By Ellen Butterfield

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Check out today's edition of



for an update on  
The Odd Job Squad!

Citizens of Yellowknife have been taking to social media to sing the praises of Inclusion NWT's Odd Job Squad.

"They help my mom a lot. They do a great service," said Andrew Diveky in one online group.

"I have hired them for so many different jobs and I've never been disappointed," said Azure DeGrow in another.

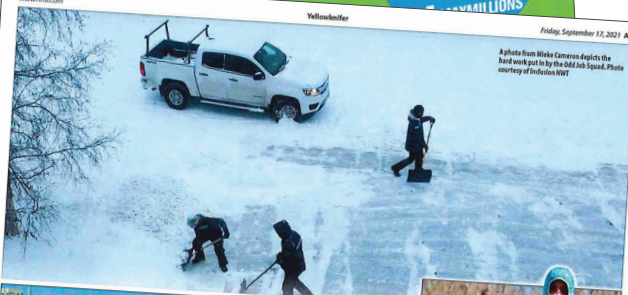
"Love the Odd Job Squad," Victoria Lavers gushed...

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Cafe feels like  
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April 2020



Friday, September 17, 2021 A11

A photo from Mike Cameron depicts the head work on the Odd Job Squad. Photo courtesy of Inclusion NWT



From left, Adam LePoirer and Wilson Broome do yard work as members of the Odd Job Squad. Photo courtesy of Inclusion NWT



Sofley Pien gives a big thumbs up at a work site. Photo courtesy of Inclusion NWT



The Odd Job Squad's long-term work with a long day of work in Yellowknife. Photo courtesy of Inclusion NWT



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We are here to answer!

Call us for Prescription Delivery

Store hours  
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**FALL ODD JOBS**  
 Leaf-raking season is just around the corner for The Odd Job Squad! Customers please remember to book The Squad 24-72 hours in advance or more to ensure your lawn fits into the clients' busy fall work schedule.

*Pictured: Chris Strus and Julie White rake a lawn last season.*

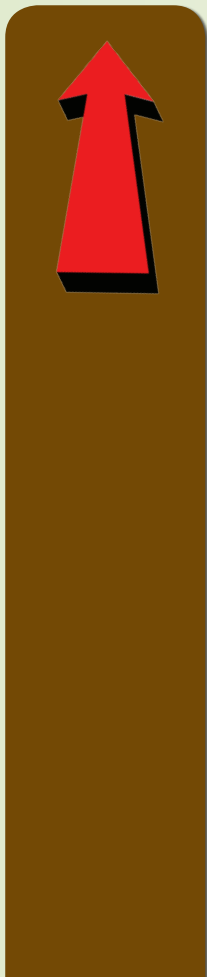


## THE ODD JOB SQUAD job stats for August

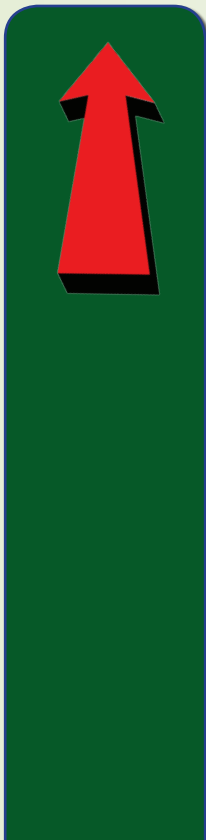
*THE ODD JOB SQUAD seeks to assist under-employed individuals who self-identify with a disability to derive a small income from one-time or short-term work while they search for permanent employment.*

**TEXT THE HOTLINE:**  
**(867) 445-6967**

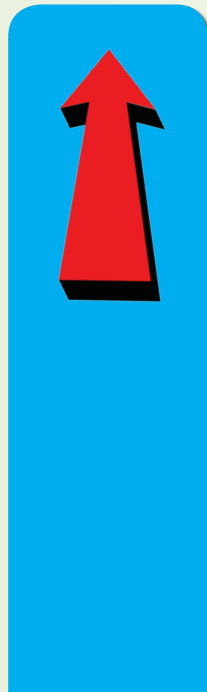
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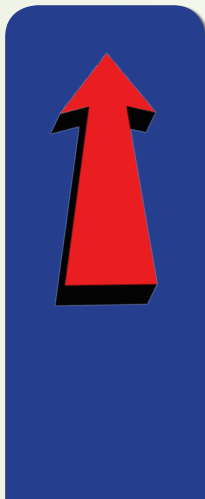
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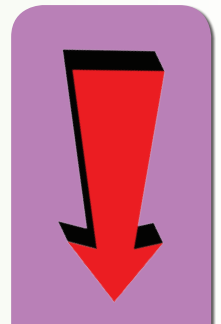
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**MISC.**  
*(wood-stacking, assembling furniture, cleaning etc.)*



**SPECIAL  
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**ONLINE  
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 ORDER  
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# LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

## *Spaces available for LOC Adult Literacy Class*

*by Inclusion NWT staff*

**THE LITERACY OUTREACH CENTRE (LOC)** provides daily morning literacy classes and afternoon literacy outreach for families, seniors, and adults. Services are available to those with or without a disability.

The Centre is a partnership between Inclusion NWT and Aurora College. The Centre offers a number of programs both on-site and in the community for individuals with or without a disability.

For more information, please contact Literacy Instructor Thomas Gagnon-van Leeuwen:

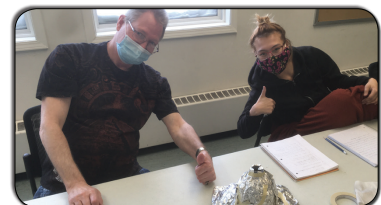
(867) 445-3969 / loc@yInclusionNWT.ca

## FREE LITERACY CLASS FOR ADULTS



*Do you know someone who can't read this?*

*Do you find it hard to read or do math?*



*Check out the Adult Literacy Class  
at the Literacy Outreach Centre!*

Reading,  
writing, math  
& more!

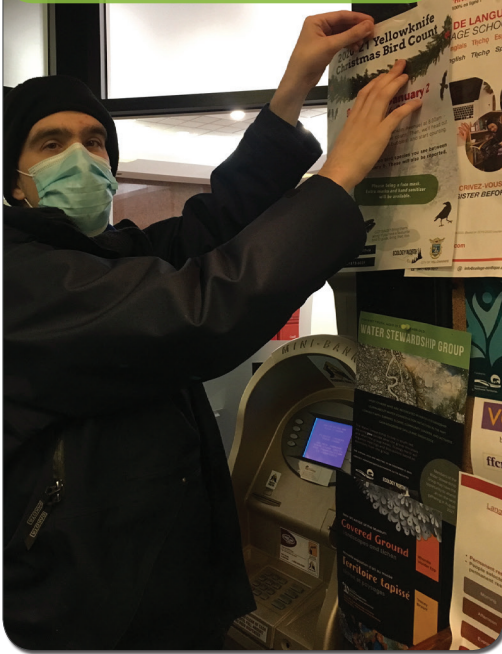
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Work  
at your  
own pace

**Join the Adult Literacy Class!  
Monday to Thursday, 9am-12pm**

Call Thomas: (867) 445-3969 / email loc@InclusionNWT.ca  
we still have a few spots left!

ADAM LEPRIEUR distributes posters as a member of the Business Services Team.

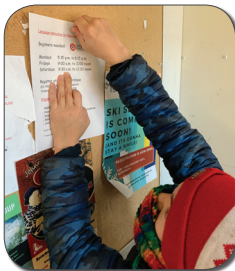


## QUICKER SERVICE POSTER PROMISE!

by Inclusion NWT staff

**FASTER** poster distribution is just a phone call away with the Inclusion NWT Business Services Team!

The Team accepts assignments of up to 25 posters for \$25 or up to 40 posters for \$40, plus GST, to be distributed throughout the community within five business days.



The Team will pick up your posters for an additional \$5 fee, or customers may drop posters off at our front office in the Abe Miller Building (4912 53 Street).

To hire The Business Services Team, please email [info@InclusionNWT.ca](mailto:info@InclusionNWT.ca) or call 920-2644.

*Yellowknife employers:*

**WE'VE OVERCOME OUR BARRIERS.  
LET US HELP YOU WITH YOURS.**

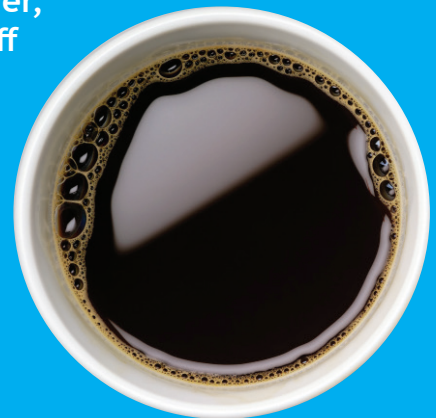
**We invite you to sit down with us over a cup of coffee** to discuss where employABILITY might work with your business.

Perhaps you have high turnover, struggle to find dedicated staff or are under-resourced to provide training for new hires who may have a disability.

**We can help.**

As a no-cost resource for employers and potential employees, we encourage you to contact us.

- We will work together to help solve your workforce challenges.
- Similar to any hiring process, we only place a candidate who matches the skills you require.



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*We look forward to  
meeting with you!*



## SUPPORT IS GROWING!



**COMMUNITY GARDENERS** donated many boxes and bags of produce to Inclusion NWT this month.

## DELICIOUS DONATIONS

**CLIENTS AND STAFF** thank the many community gardeners who dropped off fresh veggies and home-grown herbs for use in our seven Supported Living residences.

Supported Living clients and staff used the produce to create all manner of healthy and delicious dishes.

(All members of the YK Garden Collective are committed to donating 25 per cent of their produce to local charitable organizations.)



## A new fine-feathered friend

*Adam, Chris & Shay spy wildlife on road trip*

*by Inclusion NWT staff*

**THIS GRAY JAY** welcomed Chris Strus, Adam LePrieur and Skills Facilitator Shay McKinnon for a visit along the highway en route from Enterprise yesterday afternoon.

The trio was heading back after picking up a countertop for the home of Supported Living clients Sam Pameogorak and Joey Oogaaq.

Adam and Chris helped Shay screw together the wooden bracing needed to protect the purchase during the return road trip.

Along the way they took a break to feed grapes to the Gray Jay. Chris embraced his role as a human bird-feeder, while Adam enjoyed the spectacle from a short distance away.

Other wildlife spotted on the journey included dozens of bison and a black bear!

