



BUILDING A CONTEXT FOR RELATIONSHIP

ROLES, RELATIONSHIPS AND PLACES OF BELONGING

Wondering about the future and can't quite figure it out?

Hearing about the Remedy and want to make sure it works for you and your family?

Thinking about planning and wanting to stretch what you think is possible?

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9:30AM-4:30PM

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IN-PERSON IN DARTMOUTH, TRAVEL ACCOMODATIONS OR VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILIABLE**

This workshop is a learning event for those who want to ensure that relationships, purpose, contribution and belonging lie at the heart of a good life in community, now and in the future, for and with your loved one with disability.

Come and discover the opportunities for welcome, engagement, and relationships that abound within your own communities right now.

If you are involved with planning and supporting a person to be a fuller member of their community and need a practical approach that works, this workshop is for you. This day will include stories to stretch your imagination, a basic framework that you can begin to use today, some opportunity for practice and trying things out, and some tips and ideas on support basics from a practitioner of 40 years.

“We cannot create relationship, but we can recognize, encourage, and design opportunities in which the miracle of relationship is more likely to occur.”

The workshop is based upon the belief that when our communities are able to invite, welcome and appreciate the contributions of its most vulnerable members, we all benefit. Communities need support to discover these contributions. Staff need a vision of possibility, a sound approach and effective strategies to take action.

What to Expect

This workshop combines a good, principled (SRV) framework with a practical, straight forward approach for bringing about the two elements that will make the most significant difference in peoples' lives: valued roles and relationship.

In this hands-on practical event we will plan, practice and polish setting up and supporting our own contexts that work. Starting with where you are at, we will find ways to make poor situations good, make good situations better, and shape a few situations to be the best. We will also explore good support strategies, developing natural supports, and have plenty of time to think about and work on your own examples and situations.

We believe that coming together in person is powerful, but we recognize that it is not always possible for everyone. Contact Laura at inform@inclusionns.ca if you require hotel accommodations and support with travel. For those who can't make it in person, we welcome you to join us virtually.

Presenters



Janet Klees has been deeply involved in the lives of people with disabilities, their families, and allies for nearly 40 years. Janet has always been interested in the “long story”, and it is her involvement with the stories of people over time that feels her soul and her ability to seed her presentations and work with families and community with “stories of possibility”.

For the past 10 years, Janet has served as the Executive Director of Durham Association for Family Resources and Support near Toronto, Canada. This organization works in partnership with families to help them imagine, plan, and implement good lives in the community, using a family-led, one-person-at-a-time approach grounded in Social Role Valorization (SRV) principles.

Before her role with Durham Family Resources, Janet spent over 20 years as the coordinator for the Deohaeko Support Network, families designed and built a 105-unit housing cooperative, enabling their loved ones to live typical, full lives in community. Janet is also an accomplished author, having written three books and numerous articles based on the Deohaeko experience.

She continues to learn, share, and collaborate with families and organizations globally, focusing on creating roles, relationships, and places of belonging through principled strategies and strong family partnerships.

Janet Klees will be joined with a strong, experienced team of Ontario family members who are implementing these ideas right now, and a few of the Durham Family Resources team members who walk along for support and guidance.