

Acquired Brain Injury 2011 PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Sheraton on the Falls Hotel, Niagara Falls
Wednesday, November 2 – Friday, November 4, 2011

The Art of Living...Life After Brain Injury

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The Ontario Brain Injury Association (OBIA) in collaboration with the Community Support Network (CSN), is pleased to announce the 2011 Provincial Acquired Brain Injury Conference will be held on November 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2011 in Niagara Falls.

The conference theme is *“The Art of Living...Life After Brain Injury”*. Many survivors of brain injury often feel that the person they were prior to their injury has been altered. This feeling may leave them grappling with their own blank canvas as they try to conceptualize and establish who they are now. The work of art that will become their new life will encompass both challenges and victories, struggles and strengths. The survivor, family members, friends and professionals are all brush strokes on this new canvass of life.

This 3 day conference provides you with the opportunity to reach more than 500 conference delegates consisting of professionals, individuals with brain injury along with family members and caregivers.

Our Keynote Speakers Are:

Dr. Robert Fraser: is Professor of Neurology, Neurological Surgery, and Rehabilitation Medicine Director, Vocational Services, in the Department of Neurology at the University of Washington. Robert Fraser's research activities and interests center around job placement and factors related to success and failure, program evaluation in neurological rehabilitation, prediction of rehabilitation outcome, and assessment of differential psychotherapy approaches in neurological rehabilitation.

Dr. Tina Trudel: is President/COO of Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Centers and Specialty Hospital, a national leader in brain injury rehabilitation and neurobehavioral treatment for survivors of ABI. She has numerous publications and presentations in the areas of brain injury, rehabilitation, neurodevelopmental disorders, neuropsychology, aging and neurobehavioral treatment. Dr. Trudel's presentation addresses the common changes in sexual functioning and sexual satisfaction following traumatic brain injury (TBI). These changes can result in decreased quality of life for persons with TBI, and have a negative impact upon couples' relationships and sense of self.

Dr. Gabor Mate: is a bestselling author of *“In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts”* (addictions), *“When the Body Says No”* and *“Scattered Minds”*, and co-author of *“Hold on to your Kids”*. His by-line has often been seen in the *Globe and Mail*, and was featured in the August, 2010 *Readers Digest*. He is a dynamic, effective and inspiring speaker and seminar leader. He is presently staff physician at a clinic in Vancouver's downtown eastside, where his patients are people with drug addictions, HIV and related problems.

Mr. Tom Dow: was making his way to his job as a grade 7 teacher on a beautiful November morning when a van ran a red light and hit the vehicle he was driving. He was diagnosed with a mild traumatic brain injury as a result of the accident and life as he knew it was over. For the past nine years, Tom has struggled to rebuild relationships with his wife, four children and himself. He has had to face the loss of his career and has had to find new ways to define himself. Today, Tom finds strength in sharing his story with others through writing and speaking. He currently teaches high school courses on-line, serves as Co-Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Ontario Brain Injury Association and is involved in a new business aimed at helping students with ABI with education issues.

We are offering you the opportunity to support the ongoing development of this biennial event. On the reverse is the “Sponsorship Opportunities” outlining your benefits for choosing to be a leader in the 2011 Provincial ABI Conference.

To have your company name listed on the Conference Registration Brochure, sponsorships must be received by April 30th.

Ruth Wilcock - Executive Director

