



*A Conference for Self Advocates,
Families, & Support Professionals*

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CALLING ALL SELF ADVOCATES

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SPEAKING OUT CONFERENCE – BEING OUR BEST SELF IN 2022

Building on the successes since 2007 for Southwestern Ontario! A two-day, two-night conference for self-advocates, the first since 2019 when all events were interrupted by COVID 19, will be held from **October 14 to 16, 2022** at the UNIFOR Family Conference Centre in beautiful Port Elgin.

Four self-advocate groups work together to plan and run this exciting conference. Joining at the planning table are New Day Leaders of Today, self-advocates from *Community Living Essex County*, the New Vision Advocates from *Community Living London*, Our Choice Matters from *Community Living Elgin in St. Thomas* and People for People, *Community Living Guelph Wellington*. These groups are very excited to be hosting a popular and much needed conference, which will promote advocates knowledge about their rights, leadership and advocacy skills. “The conference is a great learning opportunity” – Mark Anderson NVA member London, ON., “You learn so much from others and being on the committee you learn your strengths” – Brianne Taggart, New Day, Essex ON. I like that we all get together and support each other, it is a safe place to learn how to advocate and to be my authentic self” – Judy Noonan, P4P Guelph Wellington. “This conference is inclusive and accessible to everyone. In supporting one another, we ensure everyone can participate.” John Cooper, New Day Essex ON.

Don't miss your chance to meet self advocates from all over Southwestern Ontario. Meet, network and learn from each other. The weekend is guaranteed to bring people together, with interesting sessions during the day and fun filled evenings of entertainment and social events. This conference offers learning and networking opportunities for not only people with developmental disabilities but also for support staff, and families. The committee is excited to announce the key note speaker at this event will be non-other than "Unstoppable Tracy". In addition, the weekend will be filled with exciting entertainment offered by DJ's Penny and Jackie on Friday night, and the Leaks Brother's band on Saturday night. This band has provided entertainment at this event since the first conference held in 2007.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to have your organization or business sponsor the cost of a classroom for the whole conference or sponsor a session at the Speaking Out Conference. Sponsors would receive the Logo on all Conference advertisement, name included in the welcoming introductions as official sponsors and signage outside the classroom door.

For more information about how you can attend, or sponsor, please contact
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