

# Ability First! A Community Gathering on Employment for Persons with Disabilities on Tuesday May 26, 2009 from 11am - 2pm at The Powell River Recreation Complex (5001 Joyce Ave) Cedar Room (upper level). **Everyone is invited to this free event!**

This lunchtime event will feature information booths, guest speakers, a free lunch and a door prize for attendees submitting their invitation ticket stub at the door. Resume drop-off station.

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP, several ways to do this:

1. coordinator Giovanni Spezzacatena via email: [Giovanni@rabideye.com](mailto:Giovanni@rabideye.com)
2. through the event website: <http://prability.org>
3. by phone to the Powell River Recreation Complex 604.485.2891
4. Specific event co-ordination or details: phone via Giovanni directly at home: 604.485.7940

See our May ads in the Powell River Peak, Immanence Magazine (includes a story on the event ), Sunny Side Coffee Break, and Powell River Living Magazine.

**Invited Guest speakers and information table/sessions will cover:**

- The use of plain language in the workplace (special session hosted by the PR Literacy Council) and Universal Design by Christien Kaaij of Alof!i Consultancy.
- Ways to increase accessibility and inclusion of persons with disabilities in retail and non-retail locations (for employees and customers)
- Success stories on how people with disabilities can be included in the general workforce from the perspective of employees with disabilities and employers.
- The financial assistance and expertise available to employers to make their location accessible, and where to seek this help.
- Self-employment opportunities for (especially) youth with disabilities.
- Assistive devices and technologies that make the workplace accessible and inclusive to all.
- A useful brochure and website will be launched (on May 22, 2009 at this address) to help better distribute this information to all ... and much more!