

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM



**17<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Learning Disabilities**

**September 24-26, 2009**

**Whitehorse, Yukon**

**Sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada  
Hosted by the Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon**

## Conference Themes

<p><b>Theme #1: Effective Instruction (EI)</b></p> <p>This theme includes sessions centered around multisensory language instruction, math, engaging students in culturally appropriate contexts, behaviour and early childhood education settings.</p> <p><b>Keynotes for this theme are Barbara Wilson, Richard Lavoie and Gabor Maté.</b></p>	<p><b>Theme #2: Advocacy (A)</b></p> <p>This theme includes sessions centered around inspirational stories of personal success with LD/ADHD, human rights, self advocacy, effective parent advocacy and the personal experiences of parents and consumers.</p> <p><b>Keynote for this theme is Ben Polis.</b></p>
Gordon Bullivant	Consumer/Youth Panel
Jane Felling	Linda Tilley
Joe Migwans	Lorrie & Denise Goegan
Linda Siegel	Sarah Entine
Melanie Bennett	Yude Henteleff
Ray Appel	Fran Thompson
Stacey Burnard	Chris Canavan
	Gordon Bullivant
	Kathryn Burke
	Brenda Martin
<p><b>Theme #3: Research &amp; Technology (RT)</b></p> <p>This theme includes sessions centered on the latest research in the field of LD around mental health, <b>early learning and development</b>, assessment and assistive technology.</p> <p><b>Keynote for this theme is Fraser Mustard.</b></p>	<p><b>Theme #4: Community Partnerships (CP)</b></p> <p>This theme includes sessions centered around the need for an interdisciplinary and coordinated approach to prevent and mitigating the personal and social costs of LD. Session topics include early literacy, culturally appropriate approaches to education from a First Nation perspective, community literacy partnerships, health and justice.</p> <p><b>Keynote for this theme is Dr. Martin Brokenleg</b></p>
Howard Eaton	Colin Kelly
Jim Koller	Geoff Bateson
Lisa Boone	Stuart and Christie Whitley
Stephanie Timmer	Beryl Bateson

### Legend for Session Locations:

High Country Inn — HCI

Sport Yukon Rec Centre - SYRC

Yukon Convention Centre — YCC

Westmark Whitehorse Hotel & Convention Center – WWH&CC

## DAY 1: THURSDAY, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

1:00 – 7:30 pm Early Registration Begins in the Foyer of the YCC

3:00 - 5:00 pm

HCI – Ballroom B1

Brenda Martin & Kathryn Burke

“White Paper Session”

Outcomes: **The World Summit on Learning Disabilities (A)**

7:30 pm

YCC

**Gabor Maté PLENARY ADDRESS**

**Peer Orientation: Why children are stressed. Why parents and teachers are disempowered, and how to restore a healthy balance in adult-child relationships.**

**This presentation is open to the General Public for a fee of \$40.00/person.** The Public may register by contacting LDAY at 867 668-5167 or [ldayoffice@northwestel.net](mailto:ldayoffice@northwestel.net) or at 107 Main Street, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2A7. The fee can be paid to LDAY at the time of registration or on site immediately prior to the session by cash or credit card (VISA/MC/AMEX). As seating is limited - participation is on a first come, first served basis.

(EI)

# DAY 2: FRIDAY September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

7:30 am Registration Desk Opens in the YCC Foyer

8:30 - 9:00 am	<b>YCC: OPENING REMARKS</b> First Nation Prayer and Welcome; Local Dignitaries; LDAY and LDAC Representatives								
9:00 - 10:15 am	<b>YCC - Barbara Wilson Plenary Address: Part 1: Can we truly make a difference with scientifically based prevention and early intervention efforts? - (EI)</b>								
10:15 - 10:30 am	Refreshment Break								To depart from the YCC Foyer  <b>Joe Migwans</b>  (Full Day) Land Based Education REPEATED on Day 3  (EI)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	WWH&CC Conference Rm 3 <b>Chris Canavan</b>  Self-Advocacy Strategies for Persons with Learning Disabilities (A)	HCI Ballroom B1 <b>Lisa Boone</b>  The Assistive Technology Continuum  (RT)	HCI Ballroom B2 Christie and Stuart Whitley Preventive Justice Programming in a Public School Setting  (CP)	YCC <b>Barbara                  Wilson</b>  Part 2: Have we made a Difference and How?  (EI)	HCI Ballroom A <b>Linda Siegel</b>  How to Prevent Learning Disabilities  (EI)	SYRC Boardroom 1 <b>Melanie                  Bennett</b>  English as a Second Dialect  (EI)	WWH&CC Conference Rm 1 <b>Stacey Burnard</b>  Reaching Our Children  (EI)	WWH&CC Conference Rm 2 <b>George                  Guthridge</b>  The Arctic Educational Miracle (EI)	
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch – Pick-up - YCC								
1:00 - 2:15 pm	<b>YCC - Richard Lavoie Plenary Address Tales from the Road - (EI)</b>								
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Refreshment Break								

## DAY 2: FRIDAY September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.... Continued....

2:30 - 3:45 pm	<b>WWH&amp;CC Conference Rm 3</b>  Sarah Entine <i>Read Me Differently</i> Film  <u>Plus</u>  Fran Thompson <i>Deciphering Dyslexia</i> Film	<b>WWH&amp;CC Conference Rm 4</b>  Lorrie and Denise Goegan  Lessons Learned: A Family's Journey with Learning Disabilities (A)	<b>HCI Ballroom B2</b> Geoff Bateson  Working in Partnerships in Communities  (CP)	<b>HCI Ballroom B1</b> Howard Eaton  The Integration (and Implications) of Neuroplasticity in an Education Setting  (RT)	<b>WWH&amp;CC Conference Rm 2</b> Dr. Stephanie Timmer  Assistive Technology That Works for Students with Learning Disabilities  (RT)	<b>HCI Ballroom A</b> Richard Lavoie  The Motivation Breakthrough  (EI)	<b>HCI Boardroom</b> Gordon Bullivant  Supporting the Child with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder  (EI)			To depart from the YCC Foyer  Joe Migwans  (Full Day) Land Based Education CONT'D  (EI)
3:45 – 4:00 pm	<u>Plus</u>	Refreshment Break								
4:00 - 5:15 pm	<b>POPULAR SESSIONS REPEATED</b>  Local Youth Panel plus Panelists Dr. Lily Dyson, Fran Thompson and Sarah Entine  (A)	<b>SYRC Boardroom 1</b> Linda Tilley  Two Perspectives on Adult ADHD in the Workplace (A)	<b>WWH&amp;CC Bennett Rm</b> Chris Canavan  Self-Advocacy Strategies for Persons with Learning Disabilities (A)	<b>HCI Ballroom B2</b> Geoff Bateson  Working in Partnerships in Communities (CP)	<b>SYRC Boardroom 2</b> Colin Kelly  Culturally Appropriate Education Models (CP)	<b>HCI Ballroom B1</b> Howard Eaton  The Integration (and Implications) of Neuroplasticity in an Education Setting (RT)	<b>WWH&amp;CC Conference Rm 2</b> Dr. Stephanie Timmer  Assistive Technology That Works for Students with Learning Disabilities (RT)	<b>WWH&amp;CC Conference Rm 4</b> Jim Koller  Mental Health, LD and ADHD Through the Lifespan (RT)	<b>HCI Ballroom A</b>  Linda Siegel  How to Prevent Learning Disabilities (EI)	<b>HCI Boardroom</b> Gordon Bullivant  Supporting the Child with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (EI)

**7:30 pm Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> Evening "FUNdraiser" featuring Prominent Canadian Entertainer, Rita MacNeil - YCC**

Tickets NOT included in conference registration fee. Special delegate fee is listed on the conference registration form.

This event is open to the Public.

## DAY 3: SATURDAY September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

8:00 am Registration Desks Opens in the Foyer of the YCC

8:30 - 8:45 am	YCC - Opening remarks for the day									<b>Joe Migwans</b>  <b>(Full Day)</b> <b>Land Based Education REPEAT SESSION</b>  <b>(EI)</b>
8:45 -10:15 am	YCC - Dr. Martin Brokenleg Plenary Address At Risk Youth: Difference and Sameness - (CP)									
10:15 - 10:30 - am	Refreshment Break									
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	<b>HCI Boardroom</b> <b>Yude Henteleff</b>  <b>Learning Disabilities and the Right to Meaningful Access to Education</b>  <b>(A)</b>	<b>SYRC Boardroom 1</b> <b>Linda Tilley</b>  <b>Two Perspectives on Adult ADHD in the Workplace</b>  <b>(A)</b>	<b>WWH&amp;CC Conference Rm 4</b> <b>Gordon Bullivant</b>  <b>Claiming the Federal Disability Tax Credit and Medical Expenses: A Workshop for Parents</b>  <b>(A)</b>	<b>YCC Dr. Martin Brokenleg</b>  <b>Circle of Courage – Early Childhood</b>  <b>(CP)</b>	<b>WWH&amp;CC Conference Rm 3</b> <b>Colin Kelly</b>  <b>Culturally Appropriate Education Models</b>  <b>(CP)</b>	<b>WWH&amp;CC Conference Rm 2</b> <b>Beryl Bateson</b>  <b>Families, Schools and Literacy</b>  <b>(CP)</b>	<b>HCI Ballroom A</b> <b>Jim Koller</b>  <b>Mental Health, LD and ADHD Through the Lifespan</b>  <b>(RT)</b>	<b>HCI Ballroom B1</b> <b>Ray Appel</b>  <b>How to Support Learners to Communicate Spatially Through Drawing</b>  <b>(EI)</b>	<b>HCI Ballroom B2</b> <b>Jane Felling</b>  <b>Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks: Elementary Math Games</b>  <b>(EI)</b>	
12:00 -1:00 pm	Lunch: Pick-up - YCC									
1:00 - 2:15 pm	YCC - Fraser Mustard Plenary Address Why Are The Early Years So Important? - (RT)									
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Refreshment Break									
2:30 - 3:45 pm	YCC - Ben Polis Plenary Address ADHD For Professionals And Parents - (A)									
3:45 pm	YCC - Conference Closes									