# WELCOME!

The event will begin shortly

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# Disability Employment Awareness Symposium

October 3, 2023







### **ASL Interpreters**



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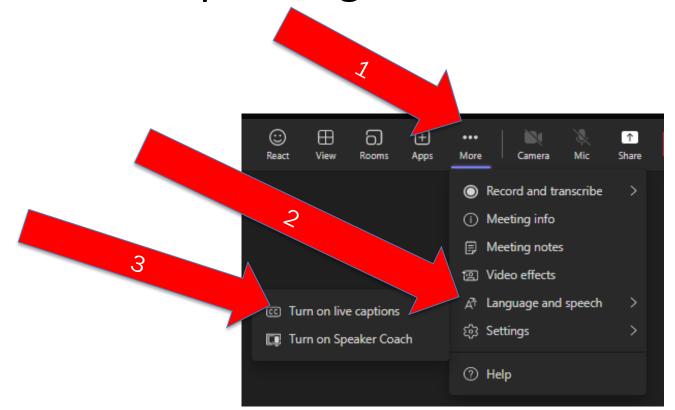
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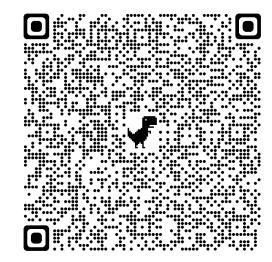


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### **Engagement Guidelines**



- We have built in time for questions throughout the day
- Please keep questions brief
- Comments and technical questions can be typed in the Chat. Questions for presenters should be made in the Q+A box when prompted and we will do our best to get them answered.
- Please keep your questions and comments polite and respectful – remember intention vs impact



# Agenda

Time	Activity
9:00am - 9:10am	Welcome, Overview of the Day
9:10am - 9:15am	Land Acknowledgement
9:15am - 9:25am	Ice-breaker
9:25am - 9:50am	Keynote Presentation – Pina D'Intino – How to Prepare for an Inclusive and Successful Employment Experience
9:50am - 10:00am	Break
10:00am - 11:00am	Panel Discussion, Q+A - How to Prepare for an Inclusive and Successful Employment Experience
11:00am - 11:15am	Break
11:15am - 11:30am	Career Supports at Humber, Guelph-Humber and Seneca
11:30am - 11:45am	Career Supports Q+A
11:45am - 12noon	Wrap-up, survey, upcoming events, prize-draw

#### Welcome!

Brought to you by Humber and Guelph-Humber's Transition To

**Work Program & Committee:** 

- Accessible Learning Services
- Advising and Career Services
- Community Employment Services
- Partnership with Seneca College





### **Transition To Work Program**

The Transition to Work Program develops and runs events at the college that help equip individuals with disabilities with knowledge and skills needed to make a successful transition into the workforce.







#### **Transition To Work Website**

https://careers.humber.ca/ transition-to-work.php







# **Land Acknowledgement**



# **Humber Indigenous Education & Engagement**





https://humber.ca/indigenous/our-services



# First Peoples@Seneca





https://www.senecacollege.ca/student-services-and-support/first-peoples.html



#### Ice-Breaker



### Introducing...



### Pina D'Intino

Owner, <u>Aequum Global Access Inc</u>.

International Accessibility Speaker and Entrepreneur

### How to Prepare for an Inclusive and Successful Employment Experience



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Break

Coming up after the break...

- Presentation from 4 industry panelists
- Q+A session (use Q+A feature in Teams)
- Next break around 11:00 am







# Myths and Facts about people with disabilities





MYTH: All people with disabilities require job accommodations.

**FACT:** Studies have shown that less than one-quarter of employees with disabilities need accommodations.





MYTH: Disabilities are always visible.

**FACT:** Many people have invisible disabilities. Examples of invisible disabilities include learning disabilities, ADHD, medical conditions, mental health disorders, etc. Also, you may not be able to tell just by looking at a person that they are visually impaired or deaf, for example. Do not make assumptions about a person's abilities.



MYTH: All Learning Disabilities are the same.

**FACT:** There are a variety of learning disabilities, and each can have a different impact on different individuals.





MYTH: People with mental health needs, even those who are managing their mental health conditions, cannot tolerate the stress of holding down a job.

**FACT:** People with mental health conditions can be just as productive as other employees, especially when they are able to manage their mental health condition well. Employers often do not know if someone has a mental health condition, but if the condition is known to the employer, they often report good attendance and punctuality as well as motivation, good work, and job tenure on par with, or greater than, other employees.



MYTH: Employees with disabilities have a higher turnover and absenteeism rate than employees without disabilities.

**FACT:** Studies have shown that less than one-quarter of employees with disabilities need accommodations.





**MYTH:** It is too expensive to accommodate employees with disabilities.

**FACT:** Most employees with disabilities require little or no accommodation in the workplace.

In many cases an employee already has any special equipment they may need, and if not, there are many government programs available to assist employers with these costs.





MYTH: Employees with disabilities have a higher turnover and absenteeism rate than employees without disabilities.

**FACT:** Studies have shown that employees with disabilities are not absent any more than other employees, and in some cases have a lower absenteeism rate.





MYTH: People who are blind acquire a "sixth sense."

**FACT:** Although most people who are blind develop their remaining senses more fully, they do not have a "sixth sense."





MYTH: People with mental illnesses are violent and unpredictable.

**FACT:** In reality, the vast majority of people who have mental health needs are no more violent than anyone else. You probably know someone with a mental illness and don't even realize it.





MYTH: Employees with disabilities will miss too much work and won't be able to effectively perform their job responsibilities.

**FACT:** Employers report performance rating of average or above average for 90% of employees with disabilities. Additional studies found:

- 86% of employees with disabilities have average or above average attendance records.
- 33% of employers say that person's a with disability work as hard as other employees while 46% say that persons with disabilities actually work harder.





MYTH: All persons with hearing disabilities can read lips.

**FACT:** Lip-reading skills vary among people who use them and are never entirely reliable.





**MYTH:** Individuals with disabilities are more sensitive than other people, more courageous, kinder, more creative, more admirable or more conscientious.

**FACT:** Individuals with disabilities do not possess any special characteristics and they are just like other persons.





MYTH: Learning Disabilities are Intellectual Disabilities.

**FACT:** Learning disabilities are completely separate from physical, developmental and intellectual disabilities.





MYTH: People who are deaf make ideal employees in noisy work environments.

FACT: Loud noises of a certain vibratory nature can cause further harm to the auditory system. People who are deaf should be hired for all jobs that they have the skills and talents to perform. No person with a disability should be prejudged regarding employment opportunities.

## **Industry Panel Discussion and Q+A**





#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Break



Coming up after the break...

- Mini presentations about career supports at Humber,
   University of Guelph-Humber, and Seneca
- Q+A session (use Q+A feature in Teams)
- Wrap-up and Prize Draw!

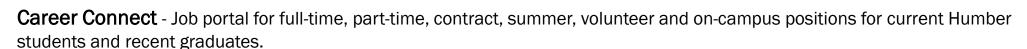


#### **Humber College**

**Accessible Learning Services** – Supports for current students with disabilities including academic accommodations, assistive technology training and disability-related funding.

**Career & Student Success Advisors** - Help to guide your academic and career journey and connect you to on-campus resources and support services.

**Career Support Peers** - One on one appointments for current students for general career development support such as resume review, cover letter review, LinkedIn profile, and mock interviews.



**Devant** - Free online career development tool that allows students to do access live workshops and events, an Al interview tool, step-by-step resume building in various formats, cover letter editing and so on.

**Online and in person events and workshops** including Career Steps Workshops, Transition to Work, Career Month, Community Events and much more!

Website resources - Support for students with career development, student success, goal setting, job search and more!

Career Advancement Services & Humber Community Employment Services provide support after graduation <a href="https://careers.humber.ca">https://careers.humber.ca</a>







#### Seneca College

#### Seneca Works:

https://inside.senecacollege.ca/student/sw/

#### To access:

- Career planning and job search resources
- Workshops and events calendar
- Career Fairs and job postings
- Appointment bookings







#### **University of Guelph-Humber**

Access support as students and alumni:

- Career Planning and Job Search Strategies
- Resume and Cover Letter Critiques
- Interview Preparation and Practice
- Post-graduate Resources and Tips
- Networking Events and Workshops

guelphhumber.ca/career/contact career@guelphhumber.ca

Scan to book an appointment with your Career Services Coordinator







### Q+A – Career Supports at Humber, Seneca, UGH



Use the Q+A function to ask questions









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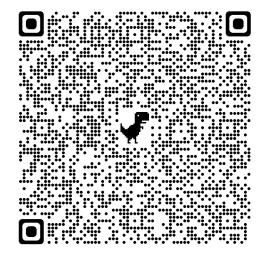


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### Wrap-Up – Next Events

#### **Meet Your Advisors**

- October 19 Lakeshore 12noon-1:30pm
- October 30 North 12noon-1:30pm

<u>Current</u> Humber College students are invited to register for these events



**Light it Up** for NDEAM – Oct 19 – Lakeshore Welcome Centre

https://careers.humber.ca/transition-to-work.php



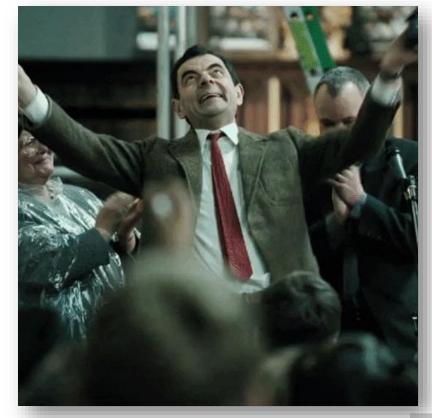


#### **Prize Draw!**









# Thank you for joining us!

#### **IMPORTANT RESOURCES:**

#### **Transition to Work**

https://careers.humber.ca/transition-to-work.php

#### **Humber Career Services**

https://careers.humber.ca/index.php

#### **Guelph-Humber Career Services**

https://www.guelphhumber.ca/career/contact

#### **Co-Curricular Record (Humber & Guelph-Humber)**

https://www.humber.ca/student-life/ccr/

#### **Seneca Careers**

https://inside.senecacollege.ca/student/sw/

#### **Humber Community Employment Services**

https://humber.ca/community/ces.html

