

October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month

The Learning Disabilities Association of New Brunswick was founded in 1970. It is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is promoting the understanding and acceptance of the ability of persons with learning disabilities to lead meaningful and successful lives.

One of LDANB's goals is to create greater public awareness and understanding of learning disabilities (LD). There are many myths about LD's – here are a few:

Learning disabilities are the result of a lack of intelligence.

Learning disabilities are “curable”.

Persons with learning disabilities are all the same.

Persons with learning disabilities don't deserve promotions.

Persons with learning disabilities are lazy.

Many people with a learning disability also possess huge abilities: Einstein, Da Vinci, Disney, Jay Leno, Picasso, Edison, Mozart, Churchill, Cher, Darwin, Michael Phelps and many others. All of them grew up with a learning disability and all of them were able to overcome and achieve beyond their dreams. With the appropriate accommodations anyone you know with a learning disability can also be successful. LD is a lifelong condition that affects a minimum of 1 in 10 Canadians with average or above average intelligence. The most common form of LD is a reading disability (dyslexia). But LD doesn't have to hold anybody back. Talk about it, get informed and help demystify LD. It's time to make the invisible...visible. Contact your LDANB organization at 459-7852 or drop by at 403 Regent Street, Suite 203 for more information. Visit our website at www.ldanb-taanb.ca or join us on our Learning Disabilities Association of NB Facebook pages.