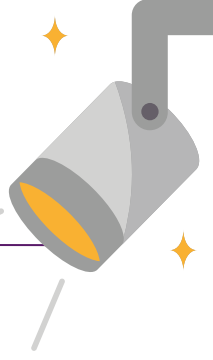




CENTRE NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As I write this message, it feels more like a summer than an autumn day, so I am enjoying the heat. I hope summer was good for you and that the return to routine is working well. This newsletter brings updates from our members as well as what to look forward to in the coming months. I am looking forward to our Zoom meeting on October 22nd as a good time to catch up. Keep using the link found at the end of the newsletter to report Centre activities and other interesting research and practice opportunities that you want us to share with the larger community. If you have ideas for sharing pieces for the next newsletter, we would love to hear them.

A few updates on the people of our Centre...

Congratulations to Laura Sokal on her retirement from the University of Winnipeg. Laura was a valued member of the Centre and her contributions to inclusive education nationally and internationally have far reaching importance for teachers. We wish you well Laura.

We shared the news of Nancy Hutchinson's passing on July 11, 2025. It has been wonderful to hear the thoughts and memories of others over the last few months. As one of the founding members of the Centre, she was instrumental in bringing together other colleagues and her own PhD students who have since become members of the Centre themselves. Nancy influenced a lot of people in her career, and her legacy will continue.

Continue reading below!

THE INCLUSIVE CAMP HUB IS LIVE!

We are live! The Hub is a research-informed knowledge mobilization platform designed to support camps in creating inclusive environments for children and youth with diverse needs. The site is open for feedback and collaboration, and we welcome your thoughts on how the Hub might evolve, as well as opportunities to connect it with your ongoing research and partnerships. [Explore the Hub here: inclusivecamp.ca](https://inclusivecamp.ca)



RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS!

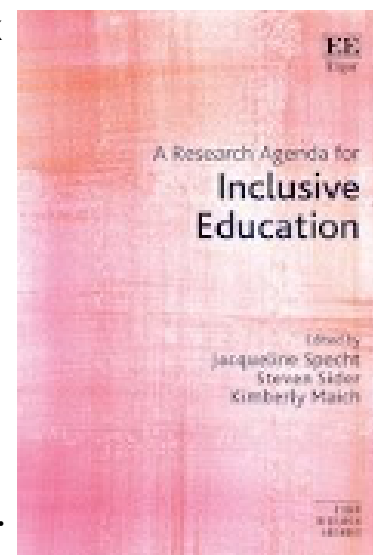
Israa Ibrahim and Nicole Neil are conducting a study on the participation and inclusion of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in camps across Canada. Caregivers are invited to complete a short, anonymous survey about their child's camp experiences. Insights will help us better understand current practices, barriers, and opportunities to make camps more inclusive for all children. Participants can enter into a draw to win one of ten \$25 gift cards! We welcome you to share this opportunity within your networks. See attached flyer for details.

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 at 12 pm EST for the virtual book launch of *A Research Agenda for Inclusive Education*.

Edited by Jacqueline Specht, Steve Sider, and Kimberly Maich.

This cutting-edge Research Agenda studies the people and processes that are involved in promoting equal opportunities within education. Employing the ecology of inclusion model, it provides insightful suggestions for implementing a coherent approach to the process of schooling for students with disabilities.



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

CURRENTLY READING...

Ranieri, J. M., Graziosi, G., Neil, N. M., & Puvirajah, A. (2025). Inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at museums, aquariums, zoos, and science centers in Canada. Inclusion. Advance online publication. [Read here.](#)

Villella, M., Gélinas-Proulx, A. et Deschênes, E. (2025). Le leadership transformatif en contextes francophones minorisés au Canada pour l'inclusion des Autochtones et des perspectives autochtones. La Revue de langage, d'identité, de diversité et d'appartenance/Journal of belonging, identity, language and diversity. [Read here.](#)



AWARDS CIRCLE



At the Black History Month Gala organized by the Canadian Association for the Promotion of African Heritage (ACPHA), UQAT education professor Méliissa Villella was awarded the 2024–2025 African Heritage Ally Award. This award recognizes her contributions to the promotion of African heritage as a professor-researcher in leadership and anti-racism in minority Francophone communities, as well as her past role as a principal in Franco-Ontarian schools. Congratulations, Méliissa! Read more [here.](#)

As always, it is a pleasure to work with such a great group of people so committed to the area of inclusive education. Please continue to use [our link](#) to let Annie Beatty, another wonderful RA who keeps it all running, know what you are up to.

Check out our Linktree for all links related to the Centre!

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