



Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians

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ALLIANCE FOR EQUALITY OF BLIND CANADIANS ELECTS FIRST WOMAN AS ITS NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBBC), a national organization of Canadians who are blind, deaf-blind, and partially-sighted has elected Donna Jodhan as its new National President in this, its nineteenth year as an advocacy organization.

"This is humbling and a great honor for me," says Jodhan, who brings to this new office a wealth of experience as a fighter for human rights and recently the Right Holder who has taken the Government down and won her case on government website accessibility.

"We are in good hands", says Robin East, Past President, "and I have full confidence in Jodhan's abilities to lead our organization."

Some of the priorities Jodhan sees for the organization over the next two years are:

- Work to increase advocacy and make the voice of blind, deaf blind and visually impaired Canadians heard;
- Increase communication between our National board, local chapters, and AEBBC members;
- Work to establish new local chapters across Canada;
- Cooperate and collaborate with other advocacy organizations to guarantee equal opportunities for all Canadians;
- Ensure Point of Sale devices are accessible to all Canadians;
- Increase web site accessibility both Federally and Provincially;
- Continue to work with the Provinces and Elections Canada to improve election access for blind, deaf blind and visually impaired Canadians; and

- Encourage young blind, deaf blind and visually impaired Canadians to participate in the advocacy work of AEBC

"As Rights Holders, we seek participation in the development and delivery of all programs and services that affect our lives," said Jodhan.

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