

# Inclusion through Innovation Awards 2011

Nomination Period Reception - Sept 22

Deadline for submissions - Oct 14

Awards Ceremony - Nov 3

## NOMINATION GUIDELINES:

Nominees must live or work in Burnaby, or their achievements must advance inclusion in Burnaby.

All nominees must agree to the nomination.

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Completed nomination packages must include:

- A 500 word (or less) description of the nominee's significant achievement. The description will be accepted in any format (i.e. in writing, or a video or recording of similar length). Please identify whether the activity was accomplished through volunteer/ unpaid time or contributions.
- A one-page biography of the person being nominated or a brief profile of the organization.
- Two additional letters of support
- A completed nomination form.

## DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

**Friday, October 14, 2011**

Nomination packages must be mailed or delivered to the SOFF at:

Inclusion Through Innovation Awards  
2702 Norland Avenue  
Burnaby, BC V5B 3A6

OR emailed to [info@soff.ca](mailto:info@soff.ca)

For more information, contact 604.299.7851 or [info@soff.ca](mailto:info@soff.ca)

## RECOGNITION:

Award recipients will be honoured by the Sharing Our Future Foundation Board on **November 3, 2011**, at the BACI Ball - a gala fundraiser for the Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion (BACI) - at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver. Recipient names will also be published in local media.

## WHAT IS THE INCLUSION THROUGH INNOVATION AWARD?

The award recognizes individuals and organizations who have used social innovation strategies to advance the inclusion of people of all abilities in Burnaby. It also recognizes that more accessible and inclusive communities enhance the lives of everyone in the community.

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*Celebrating diversity,  
innovation, equality and  
accessibility in Burnaby, BC.*

Award presented by:



A special Reception to celebrate the Award Nomination period will be held at 5:00pm on September 22, 2011, at BACI's Still Creek Centre, 2702 Norland Avenue.

Everyone is welcome, but we request that you confirm your attendance by calling 604.299.7851, or emailing [info@soff.ca](mailto:info@soff.ca).

## AWARD CATEGORIES:

There are TWO categories of awards: Individual and Organization.

**Individual:** All people living, working, or participating in Burnaby can be nominated.

**Organization:** Nominees can include non-profit organizations, public or private corporations, groups or service clubs, educational institutions, professional and trade associations, unions, the City and its departments, and government departments.

**NOTE:** Inclusion Through Innovation Awards are awarded on a one-time basis only. (A person or business can receive only one award.)

## EXAMPLES OF INCLUSION THROUGH INNOVATION:

- improving access to employment and business opportunities (includes recognizing businesses who are Disability Confident\*);
- improving access to educational opportunities;
- enhancing opportunities for greater social and recreational participation in the community;
- increasing the availability of accessible and affordable housing;
- increasing opportunities for individuals to prosper – in material or non-material ways – and move beyond the status quo;
- partnerships or collaborative efforts that include or benefit people of all abilities;
- using technology or other assistive devices to advance inclusion;
- creating accessible built environments – indoor or outdoor;
- enhancing accessible transportation;
- improving health and wellness of people of all abilities;
- raising awareness on issues relating to diverse abilities.

\*Disability Confident organizations understand how disability affects all aspects of their business. They create a culture of inclusion and make adjustments which enable specific individuals to contribute as employees, customers and partners.

## SELECTION GUIDELINES:

Selections will be made by the Sharing Our Future Foundation (SOFF) Board, based on the following criteria:

**Impact:** How great is the impact on individuals, organizations, the community? How long-lasting is the impact?

**Scope:** What is the range of activities? How many people in our community are positively affected by the initiative?

**Method:** How was the activity or initiative developed and performed? (i.e. How inclusive was the process to involve people of differing abilities?)

All selections are final and are based solely on the information submitted through the nomination package. Documents will not be returned.

The SOFF reserves the right to withhold an award in any particular year. Nominees are eligible for re-nomination in other years, but must submit a new application.

# Nomination Form

### Category

Individual

Organization

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### Name of Nominee

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Address

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Postal Code

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Phone

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Fax

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Email

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### Nominated by:

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Name

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Address

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Postal Code

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Phone

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Email

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Nominee's consent to nomination (signature)