

## **This Ability Journal**

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Our media workshops during these past few weeks have been really focused on the more technical aspects of filming. Who knew that by just changing the lens on the camera could change the whole outlook on the final product. Well this was just the case as we all found out by experimenting with the wide angle lens that was also provided by the National Film Board.

As we experimented with this wide angle lens the media group found it extremely useful in small places where you need to get the whole picture in. Lorna, our director, explained the lens also has the ability to bring the picture in closer and still keep everything in focus. Wouldn't it be great if people could change their lens in order to help them see things a little differently or a little clearer.

Another piece of equipment we used this week was the Boom Pole and gained a better understanding for the need for this tool in the filming process. It was very interesting to see how the microphone was attached to the pole. A set of very thick elastic bands that were crisscrossed assisted in suspending the microphone on the pole. This is because the microphone is so sensitive it can magnify any little bump or knock. Usually someone in the film crew is required to hold this pole quite near the individual that is speaking. The trick is not to get the pole in the picture while you are filming.

The media crew had the great opportunity to get out and film a group of very energetic and charismatic gentlemen as they shared their contributions in the community and their thoughts on what citizenship means to them. A huge thank you to you gentlemen that invited us in to capture you on film.

Remember, we are always looking for more opportunities to film in the community. Let us know what you have going on and we will try to be there. Call Chris at 604-299-7851. We also welcome you to join us at the media workshops. They are held on Monday afternoons at Still Creek, 2702 Norland Avenue in Burnaby, from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Come have some fun, eat, act, and learn about filming.