

This Ability Journal

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These last two weeks have been very exciting as the media project has taken our film crew all over Burnaby. The crew started off with filming at Artists Helping Artists (AHA!) on a very sunny Tuesday afternoon. Everything was going great until one of the film crew got too close to one of the artists. No need to worry, the camera was saved but the crew member wasn't! A big thank you to our media crew – Gerry, Ginger, Shannon, and Michelle for all their filming work.

We also have been out at the Restore Store on Douglas Street to film some very hard working individuals as they diligently complete their weekly tasks. Ginger did a great job filming at the Restore, even though the light was a little difficult at times. Ginger also invited us to film her at Rogers Video as she carefully restocked numerous DVD's. On Wednesday Shannon took a break from participating in the drumming circle, and put her expert camera skills to use to film the circle. Panning the camera over the group of drummers she was able to capture the deep concentration and heartbeat through the camera lens. Gerry was able to lend a hand to assist in filming the group who volunteer at the Red Cross. What an opportunity to capture on film the hard work and invaluable community service this group provides!

During our media workshops we have been reviewing the footage taken and looking for ways to improve the sound, the lighting, and even the angles of the shots. We were able to learn about the different batteries that the camera uses, how tell when the battery is running out and how to recharge them. We are all getting more comfortable with using the equipment thanks to our great teacher, Lorna. She always uses every challenge we encounter as a learning experience.

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.