# NOTES and ACTION ITEMS - ENABLE YORK

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| **Meeting Date:** | Wednesday, October 28th 2015 | |
| **Meeting Attendees:** | **Voting Members:**   * Marian Macgregor (Faculty Co-Chair) * Yvonne Simpson (Graduate Student) * Ruth Bramham (Staff) | **Ex-Officio members:**   * Marc Wilchesky (Exec. Director of Disability Services, Keele Campus) * Josephine Tcheng (Centre for Human Rights – Advisor) * Lauren Keyes (YUGSA Equity Representative) * Leanne DeFillipis (Staff) |
| **Apologies from:** | * Andrea Daley (Faculty) | |
| **Absent:** | * Dragan Spasojevic (Staff) * Lynx Cooper (Undergraduate Student) * Sheila Wilmot (CUPE 3903 Equity Officer) * Pam Broley (Staff) * Huda Alsarraj (YFS Access Centre) | |
| **Notes taken by:** | Hilary Martin | |
| **Next Meeting Date:** | To be determined | |

**Agenda:**

1. **Introductions**
2. **Minute/Note Taker**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Enable York – Co-Chair Position**
5. **Old Business (From April 2015 meeting)**
6. **Accessible Meeting and Events Guidelines**
7. **Sub-Committee (by-law, Build Environment)**
8. **Website Launch**
9. **Outreach**
10. **Other**
11. **Committee Goal Setting (Long term and short term)**
12. **“Human Library” – December 3, 2015**
13. **Meeting Times (frequency and best times to meet)**
14. **Other Business**

**Items Discussed:**

1. **Introductions**
2. **Minute/Note Taker**

Hilary Martin

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by the committee.

1. **Enable York – Co-Chair Position**

Late last week, the Enable York Co-Chair left due to personal reasons. This position needs to be filled.

1. **Old Business (From April 2015 meeting)**
2. **Accessible Meeting and Events Guidelines**

The documents will be circulated via email so members can look them over. Next meeting these documents will be discussed (whether these documents should be disseminated to other committees) and officially approved. The Accessible Meeting and Events Guidelines will remain on Enable York’s website in the meantime.

1. **Sub-Committee (by-law, Built Environment)**

-The By-law Sub-Committee

* + Participants of the by-law sub-committee (Lynx, Andrea, and Dragan) are absent. Next meeting there will be a discussion about the progress of the by-law committee and whether the committee should only follow the terms of reference instead of having a by-law sub-committee.

-The Built Environment Sub-Committee

* + Needs more members. Many of its past members have left York University. Karen Swartz will be contacted to help recruit students. The terms of reference will be reviewed.
  + Having difficulty with small budget (presently $50 000 and possibly $180 000)
  + The latest sets of regulations of the AODA are being introduced. Sub-Committee wants to be proactive rather than just complying with these regulations since some of these regulations will not come into effect until 2016 and 2017. More money is needed.
  + The issue of accessibility getting around campus was apparent when York University hosted the PanAm Games. For example, the issue of green areas, ramps and small, round buttons as door openers.
  + Desire for washrooms to be upgraded. Paul will be contacted. May need data if asking for additional funding. Paul Mayol from Gary Brewer’s office will be invited to next meeting.
  + Renovations at York University are overlooked by CSBO. New Construction is overlooked by York University Development Corporation (YUDC).
  + YUDC controls York Lanes. Chris Wong or Chris Edy can be points of contact. They will be invited to the next meeting.

1. **Website/Event Launch**

-The website launch and events will introduce Enable York to the York community. Enable York’s soft launch was cancelled last year due to the labor disruption.

-A proposed event is a talk with David Lepofsky. At this event David could discuss agency, advocacy for disability rights, and his work with the AODA. This event will be planned to take place in January or February of next year. Next meeting the guidelines which Enable York will give to David Lepofsky will be further discussed. Details are to follow.

1. **Outreach**
2. **Other**
3. **Committee Goal Setting (Long term and short term)**
4. **“Human Library” – December 3, 2015**

-The Critical Disability Studies program and the library have partnered together to hold a Human Library event on December 3rd for International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This event will likely take place from 11:00am to 2:30pm.

-For this event people will be resources that can be checked out. After a person is checked out a conversation will take place. This event is meant to recognize peoples lived experiences as a vital resource.

-Enable York members are supporting this event. The Centre of Human Rights will help print out media/promotional material for this event. Enable York will be on posters but this event will not be Enable York’s soft launch.

1. **Meeting Times (frequency and best times to meet)**

-In the future:

* Meetings will not be held on a Wednesday
* Meetings will be 1 hour and 30 minutes in length
* Meetings will take place in a room at York Lanes

-The next meeting will be scheduled for the week of November 16th or the week of November 23rd

-The exact date of the next meeting will be scheduled and confirmed by Enable York members via Doodle

1. **Other Business**