



# EVENT ACCESSIBILITY

Thursday, May 29, 2025  
Westin Ottawa Hotel

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**ABLE2**

# ABLE2

## Celebrating 50 Years

is a charitable, non-profit organization with programs and services that empower persons of all ages across the disability spectrum and their families, to build lives of meaning and joy as valued members of our community.

Your support will provide growth and development, facilitate independence, reduce barriers and vulnerability, and improve mental and physical health of persons living with disabilities in your community.

***Thank you for believing  
inclusivity matters!***

**OVER  
2,000**

people with disabilities  
and families served  
annually in the  
Ottawa region

**MORE  
THAN  
500**

dedicated  
volunteers  
annually

**72%**

of Canadians  
experience some  
type of barrier to  
accessibility  
because of their  
condition

**50  
YEARS**

of empowering  
people with  
disabilities to build  
lives of meaning  
and joy

# About EiTM

**Evening in the Maritimes (EiTM) is a fundraising event hosted annually by ABLE2: Support for People with Disabilities.**

**This event brings the Maritimes to Ottawa for one night filled with fresh Nova Scotia lobster and other tasty dishes, lively East Coast music, a networking cocktail reception, compelling stories, and a chance for guests to bid on unique auction items.**

**The 2024 edition of EiTM raised over \$375,000. Over the last 28 years, EiTM has welcomed more than 20,000 guests to support ABLE2's programs and services.**



**[Watch the EiTM24 video here!](#)**



*"It is a great evening serving a great cause...  
it doesn't get much better than that!"*

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**Personal Care Attendants, Caregivers or Interpreters for people with disabilities must register for the event and purchase a ticket. Contact [events@able2.org](mailto:events@able2.org) to discuss options.**



**Guests with disabilities may request specific seating arrangements on the event ticket reservation form. There are seats with extra space for wheelchair users or those with mobility aids and front row seats for those with hearing impairments.**

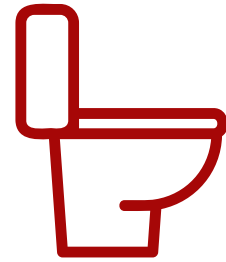


**Neurodiverse guests will have access to a quiet (sensory) space during the event featuring calming music, seating, and low lighting in the Mindfulness Lounge.**

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**Accessible parking is available at the Rideau Centre and there is a drop-off zone at the front of the hotel at the corner of Colonel By Drive & Daly Avenue.**

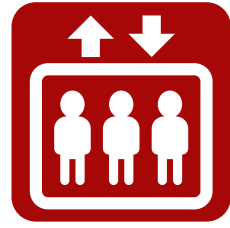


**Washroom privacy is available upon request. A member of the guest services team will provide access to a private washroom. There is an accessible stall in all washrooms on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the venue.**



**The hotel has staff trained on CPR, AED, and First Aid. A First Aid Kit and AED machine is available onsite.**

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**The event takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Westin Hotel which is accessed via a series of escalators or elevators. There are no stairs in any of the event spaces on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.**

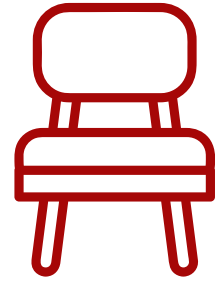


**The 4<sup>th</sup> floor at the venue has no stairs, however, guests who are part of the on-stage production will be able to access the stage using a ramp or set of 3 stairs.**



**The cocktail reception portion of the evening involves a lot of standing and walking around, however, there will be a variety of different styles of seating provided for those who cannot stand for long periods of time. Guests are also welcome to skip the cocktail reception and access their assigned seat in the ballroom upon arrival.**

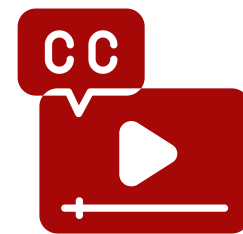
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The chairs in the ballroom (during dinner) are 16 inches wide. They are a standard banquet chair with no armrests. Larger chairs are available upon request by contacting [eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca](mailto:eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca)

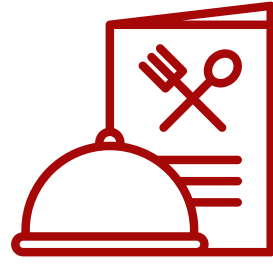


The primary language spoken on-stage at the event during dinner is English. Live captioning will be provided on-screen for those who prefer to read along. There will be 3 large screens in the ballroom.



Any videos shown during the event will be captioned or subtitled.

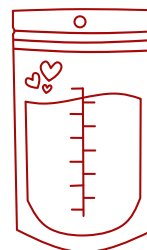
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**There are three menu options available. Allergies, dietary preferences, and other menu-related requests can be submitted to [eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca](mailto:eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca), (including Halal, vegan, gluten-free, kosher, etc.)**



**There may be flash photography at the event.**



**A private lactation space will be made available for those who may need it. Guests will be required to request this in advance by contacting [eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca](mailto:eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca)**



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**Cell phones are permitted at the event; however, guests are encouraged to enable vibration mode for notifications unless use of a phone is an extension of required medical devices. Charging stations will be provided.**



**There will be print materials on the tables during dinner and wayfinding signage that may not be accessible for the visually impaired.**



**Service dogs are welcomed at the event. Water will be provided and there is a pet relief area outside in front of the hotel. Requirements must be submitted in advance to [eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca](mailto:eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca)**



For more information about the accessibility policy for Evening in the Maritimes 2025, please contact [events@able2.org](mailto:events@able2.org)

To modify an event registration to better reflect your accessibility requirements, contact [EiTMtickets@isparkconsulting.ca](mailto:EiTMtickets@isparkconsulting.ca) prior to April 16, 2025.