



EVENT ACCESSIBILITY

Thursday, May 29, 2025
Westin Ottawa Hotel

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Celebrating 50 Years

is a charitable 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
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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 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.

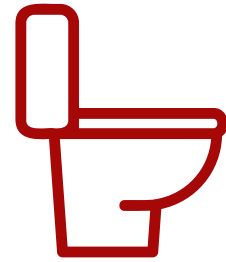


Neurodiverse guests will have access to a quiet (sensory) space during the event featuring calming music, seating, and low lighting in the Mindfulness Lounge.

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Accessible parking is available in the Rideau Centre parking lots. A Para Transpo stop is available at the Freiman entrance to the Rideau Centre (Rideau Street) on Level 1. There is a drop-off zone at the front of the hotel at the corner of Colonel By Drive & Daly Avenue. More info about STO & OC Transpo options and parking can be found [here](#).

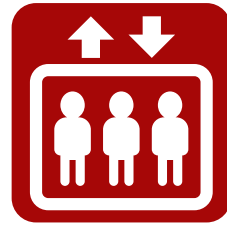


Washroom privacy is available upon request. A member of the guest services team will provide access to a private washroom. There is an accessible stall in all washrooms on the 4th floor of the venue.



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

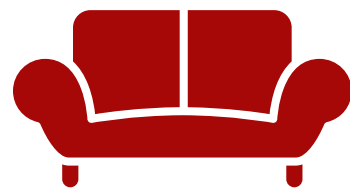
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The event takes place on the 4th floor of the Westin Hotel which is accessed via a series of escalators or elevators. To access the elevator, enter the floor you are going to on the keypad in the foyer near the elevator. The keypad will flash which elevator to take (labelled A, B, C, D). There are no stairs in any of the event spaces on the 4th floor.

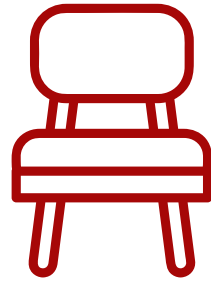


The 4th floor at the venue has no stairs, however, guests who are part of the on-stage production will be able to access the stage using a ramp or set of 3 stairs.



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.

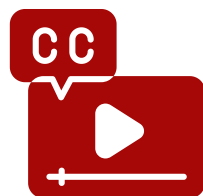
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The chairs in the ballroom (during dinner) are 16 inches wide. They are a standard banquet chair with no armrests. Larger chairs are available upon request by contacting eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca

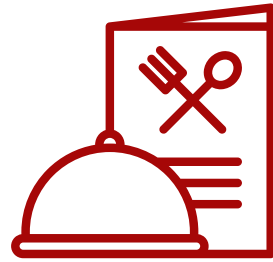


The primary language spoken on-stage at the event during dinner is English. Canadian Hearing Services will provide CART interpretative services for on-screen live captioning for those who prefer to read along. There will be 3 large screens in the ballroom.



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

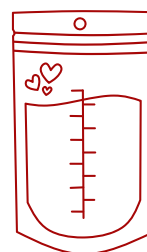
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There are three menu options available. Allergies, dietary preferences, and other menu-related requests can be indicated on the online ticketing form at the time of registration or submitted to eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca (including Halal, vegan, 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

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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. To request assistance or accommodations, indicate this on the online ticketing form or contact eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca

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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



The team of Personal Care Attendants from Whimble will be onsite during Evening in the Maritimes to assist guests with toilet breaks, eating and drinking, accessing the bar, using the elevators/escalators, and navigating to/from ParaTranspo.

Guests wishing to use Whimble services should indicate this on the online ticketing form at the time of registration.



For more information about the accessibility policy for Evening in the Maritimes 2025, please contact events@able2.org

To modify an event registration to better reflect your accessibility requirements, contact EiTMtickets@isparkconsulting.ca prior to May 15, 2025.