



## National Executive Director Announcement

Independent Living Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick K. Curran B.Comm., M.B.A. as National Executive Director.

Independent Living (IL) Canada has undertaken several key changes and strategic initiatives with the arrival of Patrick Curran as Director of Operations. With advancement of these initiatives and their continuation, Patrick will now assume the position of National Executive Director.

An MBA graduate and once Lecturer in Marketing from Concordia University, Patrick's management experience was last obtained at the City of Ottawa where he joined in 2001 as Program Manager, Business Development and Partnerships.

Patrick will continue to strengthen and build on our Strategic and Revenue Development plan while working with our 25 member centres and corporate and disability partners. Our 25 IL Centres enable the delivery of core programs involving networking, peer support, skills training, and research. Added to this, will be strategically managing and acquiring new funding to assist persons with disabilities.

Paramount to IL Canada's plans for action, Patrick will be involved with the building and developing of partnerships dedicated to supporting the roll out of the Accessible Canada Act (Bill C-81) as well as the adoption of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Patrick has been instrumental in advancing our first AssessABLE Tech Show and will continue to work with vendors and sponsors that support accessibility at home, work and leisure.

Independent Living Canada is a national non-profit organization and works with the Independent Living Centres across the country that is run by and for people with disabilities who promote the independent living philosophy.

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