



 **CANADIAN CENTRE ON DISABILITY STUDIES**  
**2012-13 ANNUAL REPORT**

# About CCDS

The Canadian Centre on Disability Studies (CCDS) is a consumer-directed, university-affiliated centre dedicated to research, education and information mobilization on disability issues.

## CCDS Mission Statement

Through our activities we promote full and equal participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of society – locally, nationally and globally.

CCDS is committed to partnering with other interested parties on initiatives of mutual concern and benefit. Our model is to seek partnerships with the disability community, the corporate sector, the academic world and governments.

## CCDS Philosophy

CCDS is guided by the philosophies of independent living and community living, emphasizing human rights, self-determination, interdependence, equality, a cross-disability focus, and full and valued participation of the community. Members of the disability community are key participants in directing CCDS policies and participating in CCDS' activities.

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## 2012-13 Staff

**Olga Krassioukova-Enns**  
Executive Director

**Allen Mankewich**  
Communications  
Coordinator/  
Policy Analyst

**Iryna Khomenko**  
International Project  
Coordinator

**Youn-Young Park**  
Senior Researcher

**Eleanor Chornoboy**  
Policy Analyst

**Carol Wiens**  
Accountant

**Norm Magnusson**  
Accountant

**Denise Desmond**  
Administrative Assistant

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**Cover:** Members of the Steering Committee of the Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities in Ukraine Project at the final meeting in Kyiv, Ukraine. Photo courtesy of Mykola Swarnyk.

## Letter from the President

Dear Members,

The last year was quite busy at CCDS, as we wrapped up the five-year *Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities in Ukraine Project*, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency. I am proud of the work that CCDS and its partners did on this project, and it has made positive changes for Ukraine's future. We also began work on the project *Promoting Inclusion of Seniors with Intellectual Disabilities in Winnipeg Senior Centres*, which we will continue to work on in 2013-14.

In 2012-13, we continued our mandate of furthering the dialogue around disability studies by organizing panel sessions of students and faculty members on the interdisciplinarity of Disability Studies at the Canadian Disability Studies Association Annual Conference. We also held a research forum in February 2013, which was attended by community members, researchers, and government officials.

Currently, CCDS is going through a period of transition. Dr. Olga Krassioukova-Enns, after 8 years as Executive Director and a total of 15 years at CCDS, left the organization to pursue other opportunities. Olga was a strong and passionate advocate for the cause of disability rights and disability studies in Canada and abroad. It is the responsibility of those that remain with the organization to carry on this mission with equal passion and commitment. We thank Olga for her long and distinguished service. Denise Desmond recently decided to leave the organization to pursue other opportunities. Denise was the administrative assistant for the last five years. Her dedication and

good nature will be missed around the office. We also said farewell to Norm Magnusson and thank him for his work as our accountant.

Times of transition also provide opportunities for others to step in to keep the organization running smoothly. Upon Olga's resignation, John VanWalleghem and I took a more active role to help the organization through this transition. Eleanor Chornoboy stepped in as our Acting Executive Director. Allen Mankewich, Young-Young Park, and Iryna Khomenko helped ensure that the project *Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities in Ukraine* would be seen through to a successful conclusion. We also hired a new accountant, Carol Wiens, who has done yeomen's service in quickly establishing a new accounting system.

The Board was very active filling a number of roles that fell to it during the transition. The program committee has also been very active before and during this transition in developing new projects and proposals that will allow CCDS to build on its strengths. Work is already underway on a new visibility initiative - *Collaborative Knowledge Building and Action for Visitable Housing in Canadian Cities*.

As we look forward to the next year, our Board of Directors and the CCDS staff look forward to new opportunities and challenges.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcy MacPherson  
Chair, CCDS Board of Directors

## 2012-13 CCDS Small Grants

Since 2001, CCDS, with the support by the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities Foundation, has awarded grants to facilitate the involvement of new researchers and assist community-based disability research initiatives in Canada. Two CCDS Small Grants, funded by Society for Manitobans with Disabilities and CCDS, are awarded annually by the CCDS Small Grants Sub-committee.

In 2012-13, Sally Lindsay of Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Centre received funding for the proposal *Exploring Accessibility and Participation of Youth with Physical Disabilities in Canadian Winter: A*

*Pilot Study*. This project will explore the experiences of daily living during Canadian winter among youth with disabilities.

Nancy Spencer-Cavaliere of the University of Alberta submitted the proposal *Citizenship in Action*. This project will carry out an in-depth exploration of the individual citizenship experience of three persons who experience disability.

CCDS would like to thank the SMD Foundation for their continued support of the CCDS Small Grants Program.

## CCDS Program Committee Report

During the 2012-13 fiscal year, the Program Committee met regularly. Members were: John VanWalleghem (Chair), Darcy MacPherson (ex officio), Colleen Watters, Don Fuchs, Donna Collins, Eleanor Chornoboy, Gabriel Pelletier, Natalie Mulaire, Norm Magnusson, Shahin Shoostari, Tracey Bone, and CCDS staff members Olga Krassioukova-Enns, Allen Mankewich, and Youn-Young Park.

As mentioned in last year's report, the Program Committee continued to refine its terms of reference and membership to complete transition to a single committee. The Committee now has two sub-committees to manage (a) any required ethics reviews and (b) the annual Small Grants call for proposals. Additional sub-committees or working groups can be created as needed. The CCDS Board approved the proposed restructuring and terms of reference.

The CCDS staff was very active during 2012-13 in submitting grant proposals with the Program Committee collectively and individually supporting proposal development. The Ethics Sub-Committee (Tracey Bone, Donna Collins, Don Fuchs, and Shahin Shoostari) reviewed proposals as needed. The Program Committee maintained oversight of all proposed and active projects. Overall, 2012-13 was a challenging year, since government funding priorities have veered away from disability related and social

issues to increasing emphasis on economic priorities. Despite the difficulty for organizations like CCDS, the staff should be commended for its diligence in seeking and responding to opportunities. The highlight of the year was the successful application for the Visitability Project which will operate from 2013-16.

The Small Grants Sub-Committee: Donna Collins (Chair), Natalie Mulaire, Shahin Shoostari, and Colleen Watters, with support from Allen Mankewich, made a call for proposals, reviewed five applications and recommended two that were approved by the CCDS Board. The Program Committee wishes to thank the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities for its continued financial support of one of the two small grants that are awarded annually.

I personally wish to thank the Program Committee members for their thoughtful and energetic participation with particular thanks to Youn-Young Park for providing organizational and secretarial support to the committee. Particular appreciation goes to Norm Magnusson who is retiring from the Committee after years of participation.

Anyone interested in joining the Program Committee, please contact the CCDS office.

Submitted by: John VanWalleghem, Chairperson

## Nominations Committee Report

Anne Kresta, John VanWalleghem, Olga Krassioukova-Enns, and Don Fuchs (acting for committee chair Darcy MacPherson) formed the Nominations Committee, with staff support from Allen Mankewich, to make recommendations to the Board regarding Board membership for the elections at the September 2012 AGM.

Current Board member Christine Kelly submitted for re-election in 2012-13 and was re-elected to the Board, along with Gregor Wolbring of Calgary, and

Majid Turmusani and Roy Hanes, both of Ottawa, who were nominated through the 2012 nomination process.

In 2012-13, we said farewell to Board members Donna Thomson and Kristin Klassen.

Each of our past and present Board members have shown a strong commitment to CCDS and disability issues, and CCDS thanks them for their service.

Submitted by: Darcy MacPherson, Chairperson

# Auditor's Report

To the Members of Canadian Centre on Disability Studies Incorporated

## Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial

statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company as at March 31, 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards.

Winnipeg, Manitoba  
September 16, 2013

Talbot and Associates  
Certified General Accountants

## Statement of Financial Position - March 31, 2012

ASSETS	2013	2012
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 385,447	\$ 415,554
Accounts receivable	32,620	540
Due from Endowment Fund (Note 6)	244,716	207,563
Due from Government Agencies	2,392	2,921
Prepaid expenses	8,956	7,088
	<u>\$ 674,131</u>	<u>\$ 633,666</u>
SCHOLARSHIP FUND - CASH	37,280	35,671
ENDOWMENT FUND	1,585,902	1,585,902
INVESTMENTS	<u>\$ 2,297,613</u>	<u>\$ 2,255,239</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 223,367	\$ 95,473
Deferred income	-	203,970
	<u>223,367</u>	<u>299,443</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Scholarship Fund	37,280	35,671
Endowment fund	1,585,902	1,585,902
General Fund	\$450,764	334,223
	<u>\$ 2,073,946</u>	<u>\$ 1,955,796</u>
	<u>\$ 2,297,313</u>	<u>\$ 2,255,239</u>

## Statement of Operations - Year Ending March 31, 2012

	2013	2012
<b>FUNDED PROJECT REVENUE</b> (Note 7)	<u>\$ 1,174,400</u>	<u>\$ 1,164,751</u>
<b>FUNDED PROJECT EXPENSES</b>		
Direct expenses	1,068,186	991,883
Administrative expenses	106,214	172,868
	<u>1,174,400</u>	<u>1,164,751</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>		
Donations and memberships	3,015	1,014
Interest	3,540	2,440
Other	20,640	21,008
	<u>27,195</u>	<u>24,462</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accounting Fees	6,000	6,759
Insurance	570	3,235
Interest and Bank Charges	-	2,223
Office	968	10,020
Rental	25,037	62,025
Wages and Benefits	22,841	72,534
Telephone	292	5,006
Travel	-	618
Expenses allocated to funded projects	(106,214)	(172,868)
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 77,701</u>	<u>\$ 34,910</u>

A complete version of the Audited Statements by Talbot and Associates Certified General Accountants is available from CCDS.