



In 2010, when Canada ratified the *United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, we made a commitment to ensure that all people can access the support they may require to exercise their legal capacity. Yet people who require support to participate in decisions that affect their lives can still find their capacity to do so questioned and their legal capacity removed. Someone else is then appointed to make decisions for them. Families often do this in order to protect their loved ones because there seems to be no other options.

RECOGNIZING CAPACITY

Ways of knowing people's will and preferences

Come join us as Michael Bach leads a public discussion about this complex issue and introduces a 3-year pilot project. The project will be a way for families and our community to explore together whether capacity can be seen, expressed and recognised, without losing one's personhood.

- **What would it take** for someone to receive the right mix of supports and accommodations to make their exercise of legal capacity possible?
- **What are the ways of knowing** a loved one's will and preferences, how can we listen deeply and support them to express their personhood?
- **How might we better respond**, hear and uphold the voice of the person?

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This project is run in association with Community Living Ontario and PooranLaw Professional Corporation and aims to explore practical decision making assistance along with program, policy and legal measures required to achieve equality and non-discrimination in the exercise of legal capacity.

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