

## **Meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

April 16, 2019, 6:30-8:30 pm

Burnaby Public Library, McGill branch

4595 Albert Street, meeting room

Free Parking at Library



### **Preparation for Employment**

On this topic we are fortunate to have two presenters, one in person, and one virtual.

Carol Simpson will speak to us about Point Grey College and Orbital Learning Inc. PGC offers a six month program to prepare ASD individuals for careers in technology and accounting. Orbital Learning prepares job seekers for employment and assists ASD employees and their employers with the skills need for job retention. Carol is the Founder & CEO of Focus Professional Services, a tech employer of ASD individuals, and a Technology professional with more than 30 years of experience. To assist her in ensuring that the material covered targets what prospective students most need and want, Carol is asking you to complete the survey found in the link below:

<https://fs30.formsite.com/FocusProfessionalServicesInc/3rcmkae8lg/index.html>

Odette Dantzer, from Victoria via Skype, will speak to us about Work-Able, a 12 month BC Public Service employment training program that offers paid internships to recent post-secondary graduates (within the last three years) who self-identify as having a disability. In September 2019, this unique program will provide learning, coaching and mentorship to a group of 21 interns, who will gain valuable work experience through a range of contract jobs, over the course of the year, in the BC Public Service sector. Odette developed the service delivery model for the Work-Able program in 2015/16 through consultations with over 300 stakeholders. Over her 30+ career, she has worked with & for people with disabilities, both in non-profit and in government. She has had various roles – program/policy development, helping people move from institutions into the community, supporting people to find employment and running an organization.

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