

## Alberta Non-profit Winner of Global Award World Cerebral Palsy Day 2018 'Civil Rights' Award

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**World Cerebral Palsy Day is delighted to announce the 2018 Major Winner in the 'Civil Rights' category goes to Calgary Ability Network, a project initiated by the Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta, Canada.**

World Cerebral Palsy Day celebrates the lives and achievements of people with cerebral palsy (CP) and their families, but also the focus of a growing global social movement to ensure that everyone with cerebral palsy has the same rights, access and opportunities as others in their communities

The annual World Cerebral Palsy Day Awards are presented to projects or campaigns that have achieved real progress to improve the lives of people with cerebral palsy and their families – at a community, national or international level.

This year, an international panel of 12 experts judged a field of 75 projects from 42 countries. Robyn Cummins, World Cerebral Palsy Day Manager, praised the project: "Very few cerebral palsy organizations are taking on the fundamental issue of civil rights for people with a disability. Calgary Ability Network is truly inspirational because of its pan-disability reach and participation from such a wide range of stakeholders. They are tackling a broad range of issues and are achieving great results. It is a deserved winner of this major award".

"It is an honour to receive this prestigious award on behalf of the Calgary Ability Network of partners and stakeholders. I trust that this award will be an encouragement to the sector to continue to advance change and address the challenges facing the disability sector" says Mezaun Lakha-Evin, Calgary Ability Network.

Along with celebrating this award announcement, the Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta (CPAA) is excited to announce their Go Green For CP campaign. "We are encouraging everyone to Go Green For CP on October 6<sup>th</sup> by wearing green to show your support for individuals with CP. Share your photos and use hashtags #worldcpday #gogreenforcp #cpawareness #cerebralpalsy #cpalberta to build a global movement for CP" says Joanne Dorn, CPAA Director of Development & Public Relations. World CP Day is an opportunity for the world to grow. Its more than just an awareness day, it's an opportunity to create a powerful voice for those with CP to change their world. Buildings across Alberta and Canada will also be lit up green in celebration. "Together, we are the collective voice for over 8,300 Albertans and over 17 million worldwide with CP. We want to ensure that children and adults with CP have the same rights, access and opportunities as anyone else in our society" says Dorn.

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