

**Community Partnership #1**

<b>Start-End Year:</b> 2009-2010	<b>Project ID#:</b> PWD 71	<b>Partnership Type:</b> Persons with Disabilities
<b>Partnership Title:</b> Durham Region Employment Network EmployABILITY Awards		
<b>Description of Proposed Partnership:</b>  The EmployABILITY Awards will be a gala event where awards will be given to clients, employers, service providers, businesses and media that have aided in breaking down the barriers to employ persons with disabilities. This is a formal affair that includes dinner, guest speakers, success stories, assistive technology demonstrations and awards. The DRLTB will adjudicate and award three employer award to employers who have demonstrated significant interest and support to hire persons with disabilities.  Origin of Partnership: 2008 TOP Report – Trend: <u>Marginalized Workforce</u> , Issue # <u>2</u> , p <u>17</u> .		
<b>Projected Outcomes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DRLTB sponsors three employer awards.</li><li>• Event recognizes the successes of employers, agencies and individuals who have achieved employment of persons with disabilities.</li><li>• Awareness and education about the benefits of hiring persons with disabilities will be created through the promotion of these successes which will help to change perceptions.</li></ul>		
<b>Key Partners:</b> Education: Durham Continuing Education, Durham Catholic District School Board, Durham College, Durham District School Board Employment Agencies/Service Providers: Canadian Hearing Society, Canadian Mental Health, Durham, Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario Community Living Ajax, Pickering, Whitby, Community Living Durham North, Community Living Oshawa/Clarington, Durham Deaf Services, Durham Mental Health Services Government: Ontario Disability Supports Program		
<b>Actual Outcomes::</b>	<b>COMPLETED</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 235 attended the 2009 DREN Employability Awards Gala May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Oshawa</li></ul>	
<b>Product:</b> Sponsored and presented three employer awards. Assisted with pre-event media relations.		
<b>DRLTB Contributions and Partner Contributions (Financial and In-Kind):</b> \$3,000 DRLTB; \$26,000 in sponsorship funding, donations and in-kind from DREN and ODSP.		