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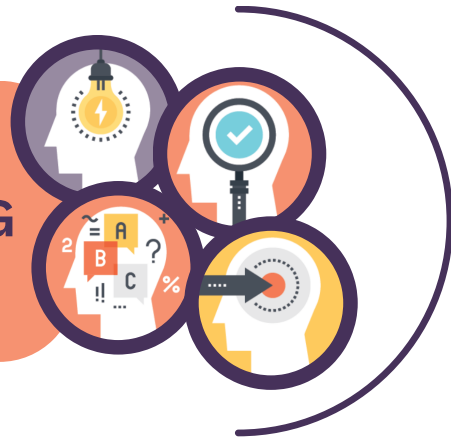
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Before I attended the Goals group I struggled with loneliness, hopelessness and lack of support, there was no one who understood what the last 5 years has been like since my diagnosis. The Goals group means I have something to look forward to, to be with people who have the same struggles as me, to learn to stay focused on my goals, socialize. I appreciate the tremendous efforts of the Brain Injury Association of Windsor Essex and their supporters, without them I shudder to think where I would have ended up.

B., living with a brain injury

WELCOME MESSAGE

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Dear Community Members,

We are delighted to announce that we are hosting our **8th Annual Brain Injury Conference** on "Acquired Brain Injury and Mental Health in Adults". This conference promises to be enlightening, as distinguished medical speakers from across Ontario will share their expertise on the latest developments in this dynamic field. The primary focus will be on exploring the interplay between acquired brain injury (ABI) and mental health.

The significance of staying informed about ABI and the current diagnostic and treatment modalities cannot be emphasized enough. This conference's goal is to benefit healthcare professionals, students, legal professionals, and non-treating professionals, who play a crucial role in providing care and knowledge to individuals with ABI. It will offer a valuable networking opportunity for professionals across the continuum of care.

As a community-oriented charity, we invite you and your company to sponsor this significant event and offer you the opportunity to feature an exhibit of your business. Your support will enable us to continue making a positive impact on the lives of adults living with an acquired brain injury and mental health challenges and their caregivers.

We look forward to presenting this event to the community and collaborating with you to make it a resounding success. Together, we can enhance understanding, support, and care for those affected by brain injuries.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

ANNA JURAK

Executive Director
Brain Injury Association Windsor Essex
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Dr. M. Rathbone, MB, Ch.B, PhD, FRCP(C), Neurologist

Currently, Dr. Rathbone is a Professor, Department of Medicine in Neurology, Neuroscience and Neuropharmacology at McMaster University. He is a consultant neurologist at the Hamilton Rehabilitation Hospital for ABI, spinal cord injury and amputation. He authored over 250 scientific papers and abstracts. He was on the Board of ONF.



Dr. K. Sequeira, MD, FRCP(C), Physiatrist

Currently, Dr. Sequeira is a Consultant Physiatrist at LHSC and runs clinics within Parkwood Hospital Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the past Residency Program Director for PMR at Schulich School of Medicine, Western University. He is the Co-Chief Examiner of the RCPS Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialty National Canadian Examination. He authored numerous publications in the field of pain, spinal cord injury, brain injury, psychology, return to work and function. He received the Dean's Award of Excellence for Undergraduate Medical Education in 2008.



Dr. C. Tator CM, MD, PhD, FRCSC, FACS, OC, Neurosurgeon (retired)

Currently, Dr. Tator is a Scientist in the Krembil Brain Institute and Director of the Canadian Concussion Centre at Toronto Western Hospital. His Practice Primer on Concussions appeared in the Canadian Medical Journal in 2013. Dr. Tator continues to be an unsurpassed advocate devoted to continuing concussion education for medical, legal, sports and other organizations. He is the Project Director for the Canadian Sports Concussion Research Project. He has authored 423 publications in peer review journals. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neurotrauma, Journal of Concussion and the Neuroscientist. Dr. Tator trained in Neurosurgery and Neuropathology and was Chair of Neurosurgery at UofT. He was founder of ThinkFirst Canada and Parachute Canada. He held two research chairs at UoT; is an Officer of the Order of Canada and an inductee of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame and the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. He received numerous awards including from Canadian Brain Injury Coalition.



Dr. S. Ahmad, Ph.D., C. Psych, Clinical Neuropsychologist

Currently, Dr. Ahmad is faculty member at the University of Western Ontario's Schulich School of Medicine Windsor campus, focusing on individuals with brain injuries, mental illnesses and learning disabilities. She was the Clinical Research Lead for Mental Health and Addictions at Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare. She also taught at the University of Windsor's Psychology Department



Dr. R. Punambolum, MD, FRCPC, Neurologist

Currently Dr Punambolam is with Grand River Hospital Secondary Stroke Department. While in Windsor, he was an Adjunct Professor, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, Schulich School of Medicine and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences. He was the Medical Director of the Enhanced District Stroke Centre Windsor Essex. He has lectured extensively on quality improvement science, migraine, TBI and stroke prevention. He has a particular interest in the impact of meditation and exercise on optimizing brain function.



Dr. P. Quaid, MCOptom (UK) FCOVD (USA), PhD Vision Science (Waterloo), Optometrist

Currently, Dr. Quaid is Founder and Director of Optometric Services, VUE-Cubed Vision Therapy. His passion includes visual rehabilitation for post TBI adults and children. He was Past-President College of Optometrists of Ontario and an Adjunct Professor at University of Waterloo School of Optometry. He has published in optometric and medical journals including post concussion oculomotor dysfunction on reading efficiency. He jointly received the Award of Excellence in concussion research by Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA). He is also involved with Optometry Examining Board of Canada (OEBC). Dr. Quaid attained the rare achievement of receiving ongoing annual funding from the Federal government due to his data from his Vision Therapy clinics.

GOLD SUPPORTER – \$7,500.00

- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM
- EXHIBITOR BOOTH 8 X 10 TABLE
- SPONSOR SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN THE BIAWE NEWSLETTER FOR ONE YEAR (FOUR EDITIONS)
- LOGO RECOGNITION IN CONFERENCE SOCIAL MEDIA

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ADD ON OPPORTUNITIES

- CONTACT ANNA JURAK TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



The BIAWE has been a godsend to me since a family member suffered a catastrophic brain injury 5 years ago. I have attended the “You Are Not Alone” sessions with my family member and it is good to realize there are people who are going through what we are experiencing and that we are not alone in this difficult journey. Listening to everyone’s stories and knowing that there is support for you is most valuable. The Caregivers’ meetings I attend regularly are so helpful because it is wonderful to talk to people who were experiencing the same emotions, frustrations and problems that I have. To listen to suggestions to help me deal with my situation and to be able to share and help others creates a feeling that I can’t begin to describe. I leave those meetings feeling uplifted and full of hope and I look forward to them every month.

C., caregiver

EXHIBITOR BOOTH – \$500.00

- EXHIBITOR BOOTH 8 X 10 TABLE
- INCLUDES 2 ATTENDEES

EXHIBITOR BOOTH FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION – \$325.00

ATTENDEE – \$225.00

- INCLUDES CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- LUNCH AND CONFERENCE
- NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT ATTENDEES – \$100.00

STUDENTS INCLUDE THOSE ENROLLED AS A FULL TIME HIGH SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY STUDENT ON DATE OF CONFERENCE.

SPONSOR A PERSON LIVING WITH A BRAIN INJURY OR CARE GIVER – \$225.00

- INCLUDES CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
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The Brain Injury Association Windsor Essex Country programs have impacted my entire life and have helped educate myself and others to grow beyond what I thought my limitations were. After having ABI I felt alone and no one understood but found out that there were many others like me. Through Brain Injury Association Windsor Essex that we all can actually grow find help, find strength, find success.
J., living with a brain injury



There is not enough I can say for the association and the support provided to my husband and I with the monthly social and caregiver meetings, along with the peer mentoring program. This association was a vital support bridge before getting any government funded treatment (ABI Clinic) which was almost a year wait. It is difficult to believe that is BIAWE solely funded by donations and fundraisers, as I believe it is a mental health bridge for brain injury survivors as it was for me.
B., Living with a brain injury



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The BIAWE has helped me through stages. It has taught me to use resources that are available to help me through the day. For example a to do book for my memory, build a toolbox to help me to get through things and to help me live a better life. The BIAWE programs are a great resource in helping us achieve goals. Helps us to know we are not alone in this journey. The programs also help us to regain some of our independence and help us build our self esteem.

D., Living with a brain injury

Our Mission

To enhance the lives of residents of Windsor and Essex County affected by acquired brain injury through education, awareness and support.



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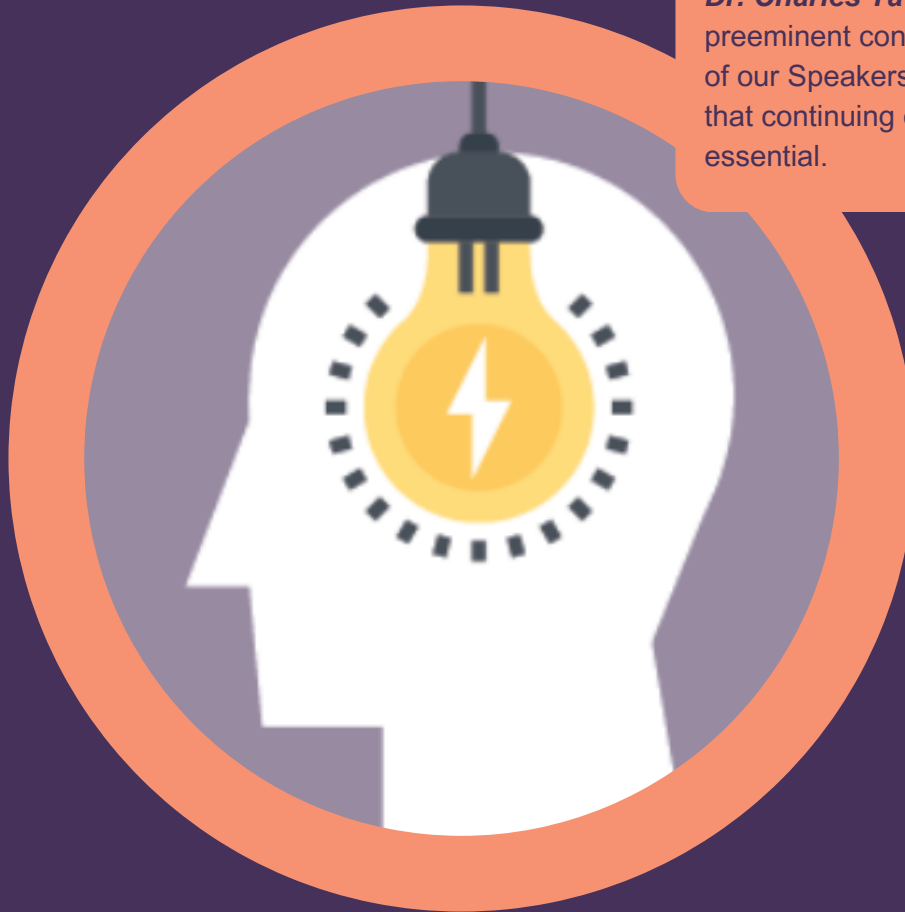
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Given the rising incidence of concussion and mounting evidence of long term sequelae associated with repeated head trauma, it is crucial that Canadian physicians develop a sufficient knowledge base to reliably diagnose and manage individuals who have suffered a concussion”.

Dr. Charles Tator, preeminent concussion expert and one of our Speakers, strongly advocates that continuing concussion education is essential.



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