

Inclusion BC Conference

Nidus is very excited to be a part of the Inclusion BC (formerly BCACL) Conference 2013 - WE are Community: Defining Inclusion. The conference takes place downtown Vancouver from May 23-25, 2013, with a pre-conferenceday on May 22. Nidus will be presenting on Representation Agreements and Inclusion on May 23rd.

Our Executive Director, Joanne Taylor, will discuss how Representation Agreements can help you, plus there will also be guest speakers to share their stories of making and using Representation Agreements.



To Register

Inclusion BC (formerly BCACL) Conference 2013 - WE are Community: Defining Inclusion

Nidus Welcomes Visitors from Czech Republic

The made-in-BC [Representation Agreement Act](#) has been commended by the United Nations as a way to promote equality and maintain the decision making rights of people with intellectual disabilities. The RA Act was a model for Article 12 of the [UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#).

This week, seven visitors from the Czech Republic, including members of Instand, a civic association, are in Vancouver to learn about how BC has implemented the UN Convention. They will be meeting with Nidus staff and Board members as well as a variety of other agencies such as Community Living BC, the Centre for Inclusion and Citizenship at UBC and the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee. The group will also attend the Inclusion BC Conference, where they will meet with individuals and families from all over the province who are making and using Representation Agreements and practicing supported decision making.



International interest in Representation Agreements and the work of Nidus has been growing rapidly. We are excited to continue connecting with groups and individuals around the globe who share our vision and goals.

STAY CONNECTED



EVENTS-AT-A-GLANCE

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IN-PERSON PRESENTATIONS

FRI, MAY 24, 1-2:30PM
South Granville Seniors Centre
Vancouver, BC

MON, MAY 27, 1-2:30PM
Confederation Seniors Centre
Burnaby, BC

MAKE & REGISTER

MON, JUNE 10, 10AM-NOON
Burnaby, BC

FRI, JUNE 14, 10AM-NOON
Vancouver, BC

Get in-person assistance with making and registering your Representation Agreement. Applications available at the May 24th and 27th presentations.

ONLINE WEBINARS

WED, MAY 22, 11:30AM-12:30PM
[Representation Agreements in More Detail](#)

Watch it from your home or office computer on your own or with a group.

WED, JUNE 12, 11:30AM-12:30PM
[Personal Planning and BC's Legal Tools](#)
Watch it from your home or office computer on your own or with a group.

Presentations for Seniors

STAY IN CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE

Do you have a legal plan in place in case you are seriously ill or injured and someone needs authority to pay your bills, give or refuse medical treatment or make living arrangements for you if necessary? A Representation Agreement is a legal document you can make to appoint someone you trust to carry out your wishes if you are unable to do so yourself. Attend a free presentation given by Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry (1.5 hours).

FRI, MAY 24, 1PM-2:30PM

*South Granville Seniors Centre,
Vancouver*

Pre-registration is not required for this presentation. Drop ins are welcome.

MON, MAY 27, 1PM-2:30PM

*Confederation Seniors Centre,
Burnaby*

Pre-registration number:
604. 294. 1936

Course Number #301171
Light refreshment provided.



Registration can be made at any City of Burnaby Recreation Centre. The member rate is \$1 and non-member rate is \$1.25 + gst. Payment over the phone will be taken by credit card.

Make and Register Workshop

Make and Register a Representation Agreement (2 hours).

Nidus staff will assist you to make and register a Representation Agreement for health and personal care and/or legal and financial affairs. Applications and information available at the May 24th and 27th presentations.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

1-3PM
Burnaby, BC

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

10AM-NOON
Vancouver, BC

Webinars

Nidus offers free online presentations on two topics every month. These presentations provide information on Representation Agreements, Advance Directives and Enduring Powers of Attorney. There will be time after each webinar for answering general questions (1 hour).

WED, MAY 22 11:30AM-12:30PM

*Representation Agreements
in More Detail*

To register [click here](#)

WED, JUNE 12, 11:30AM-12:30PM

*An Introduction to Personal
Planning and B.C.'s Legal Tools*

To register [click here](#)

RA7 & RA9 BASIC FORMS -

New and Improved!

We have updated our basic forms making them easier to follow and complete.

[RA7 BASIC FORM](#)

[RA9 BASIC FORM](#)

A CELEBRATION FOR BOB

Bob is a 75 year old man who was under adult guardianship in British Columbia. Recently, with the help of his supporters, Bob was able to make a Representation Agreement and gain independence over his financial affairs. Bob will be sharing his experiences at the Inclusion BC conference on May 23rd.



To read Bob's story and many others, click on [Stories](#) under "Your News" on our website.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Nidus would like to welcome Jack Micner as a new member of the Board of Directors.

Jack is a lawyer in Richmond at the firm Spry Hawkins Micner. He specializes in personal planning and estate planning, and has been in practice since 1983.



www.willpowerlaw.com

Need Help Getting Started?

Nidus is offering over-the-phone and in-person consultations. You can book a 20 minute appointment and get answers to questions you have regarding Representation Agreements and personal planning. The fee for an appointment is \$25.00 with a sliding scale for people on low income. You must book your appointment time in advance using our [Online Booking Calendar](#). You will receive confirmation by email.

Appointments must be booked ahead of time.

Over-the-Phone

Appointments will take place on Thursdays between 1pm–3pm. You must pay in advance. You can pay online using Paypal or send a cheque to Nidus.

In-Person

Appointments will take place every Tuesday between 10am–Noon, at 1440 W. 12th Ave. in Vancouver (at Hemlock). The fee can be paid at the appointment by cash or cheque to Nidus. Credit card payment is not accepted at these appointments but can be arranged prior to meeting.



Booming with Seniors

The [United Way of the Lower Mainland](#) released their “Seniors in the Lower Mainland: A Snapshot of Facts and Trends” report on March 7th. The report was developed to guide planning with/for seniors living in the Lower Mainland. Some highlights:

- In 2011 there were 60% more seniors living in Vancouver than there were in 1991; the seniors population is expected to increase by 115% by 2031;
- 65.7% of seniors ages 75 and older have activity limitations;
- 3 out of 5 female seniors live on less than \$25,000/year in Vancouver, North America’s most expensive city;
- The number of seniors working for income has more than doubled in the past 10 yrs.

To read more [click here](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR PROJECT FUNDERS



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Lower Mainland
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Building better communities, one grant at a time.

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Nidus would like to thank the following organizations for their financial support of our projects:

[United Way of the Lower Mainland](#) for its grant to assist seniors to access personal planning tools, particularly Representation Agreements, in order to maintain their independence.

[The Notary Foundation of BC](#) for a recent grant to help us produce basic information on personal planning in Chinese and Punjabi. The grant is also for the development of fact sheets on ‘Access to Information’ (for representatives and attorneys) and ‘Representatives and Residential Care’.

[Vancity Credit Union](#) for their contribution to Nidus’ efforts at raising awareness of personal planning and building the capacity of community organizations to provide information and assistance with Representation Agreements.

[Service Canada](#) for funding through the Canada Summer Jobs program to help us hire a summer student.

PERSONAL PLANNING:

The act of making one or more legal documents that authorize your personal supporters to help you manage your affairs or make decisions on your behalf if you need assistance due to illness, injury or disability.

Personal planning is different from estate planning in that personal planning is about making arrangements for while you are alive, whereas estate planning is about making arrangements for after your death.

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