

10 by 10 Challenge

Nanaimo-Parksville 10 x 10 Challenge

The 10 by 10 Challenge is a simple one: Increase employment for persons with disabilities in British Columbia **by 10% by 2010**. This means increasing employment of persons with disabilities in BC from 132000 to 145000 (13000)

In Nanaimo-Parksville, this translates to an increase of **520** jobs

There are currently 400,000 working-age people with disabilities in British Columbia, with **an employment rate of only 52%**. People with disabilities have equivalent levels of education as the non-disabled working population, but many remain unemployed.

To date 80 communities around BC have taken advantage of this challenge. We're just getting started in Nanaimo/Parksville. Awareness is the first step to becoming a barrier free community. The health, well being and strength of our society requires the presence and participation of all citizens.

WHEN EVERYONE PARTICIPATES, WE ALL BENEFIT.

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Provincial 10 x 10 Challenge Website: <http://www.10by10challenge.gov.bc.ca>