



Literacy, Employment Skills & Assistive Devices

Lack of access to opportunities to build employment skills, basic life skills, holds too many people back.

Not everyone has access to the opportunities that build critical life skills (like basic literacy, numeracy, and computer skills) or the assistive technology needed to be able to participate. These skills and devices are critical to being able to find and maintain meaningful employment



According to Statistics Canada, people with disabilities account for **41% of the low-income population.**

Adults with low literacy levels are **2.5x more** likely to experience unemployment.

Meet J.

J. is a senior learner, retired from working in long and difficult career in manufacturing. J decided to return to education to upgrade her math skills, something she has always wanted to do. J shares that her lack of confidence and skills in numeracy make her feel ashamed and reduce what she can do in retirement. She wants to inspire her grandchildren to learn. TLG offers a mature and accessible environment where J can feel safe, not judged and appreciates that it is not a large class of younger adults.

"I very much like my tutor and the fact that I can get one to one support, makes me feel like I am improving and doing something I have always wanted to to."





Local Solutions

Thanks to your support, United Way WRC was able to provide funding to the following organizations, that list 'Literacy, Employment Skills & Assistive Devices' as their main cause area over the past 12 months.

Programs Changing Lives

- Adult and youth literacy programs
- Employment services focused on refugees
- The Focus on Technology program
- General operating support providing referral services and skills training in the region
- Assistive Devices program



1. Statistics Canada (<https://angusreid.org/disability-poverty-benefit/>)

2. The Literacy Group - Spring 2022 United Way report