



Empowering a New Generation of Accessibility Champions

The Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) is dedicated to improving accessibility in all the places where we live, work, play and learn.

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP) is based on Rick's belief in the power of youth and their ability to change the world. Building on Rick's legacy, RHFSP raises awareness and changes attitudes about accessibility and inclusion, and empowers youth to take action on issues that matter to them.

100% of educators

who have used RHFSP resources reported they intend to use them again and are likely to recommend them to other educators.*

*2018-2019 end-of-year-survey results

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program teaches youth about disability, accessibility, and inclusion.

RHFSP educational materials are:

- free, ready-made and incorporate Universal Design principles.
- developed by educators, for educators
- connected to provincial curriculum currently used by teachers.



Available Toolkits

Abilities In Motion (gr. K-12)

Identifying physical barriers to accessibility, developing solutions, and understanding disability.

Personal Leadership (gr. 9-12)

Identifying personal passions, and helping students recognize their potential.

Rick Hansen Story (gr. K-8)

Learning empathy and collaboration through Rick Hansen's story.

Difference Makers (gr. K-12)

Changing attitudes and developing well-rounded students.



All the lessons are clear and concise, and aid in teaching the key messages to enhance character education and living skills. Many students still recall these awesome conversations months later.
– Educator



Approximately

150,000

students across Canada are reached annually by RHFSP resources.

Ambassador presentations

Students and educators have an opportunity to connect first-hand with RHF Ambassadors, a dynamic team of people with disabilities across the country. Through their inspiring personal stories of overcoming barriers, students learn how to recognize and break down physical barriers to access in order to promote inclusion.

Presentations can be held on their own or used to support RHFSP educational materials.



Ambassador presentations have been given to schools and communities across Canada in 2018-2019.



The Ambassador made me realize that we need to include all people and create places that are accessible for all different kinds of people and abilities. – Student



Personalized support for educators

Our team of RHFSP Regional Coordinators across Canada are available to:

- Answer questions and offer suggestions on using our materials;
- Book Ambassador presentations; and
- Deliver professional development workshops.

For more information on how to adopt Rick Hansen Foundation School Program resources into your schools, please contact:

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