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- SENL 2016-May 24th—27, The Wilds in Salmonier
- Congratulations to all Special Olympians representing NL in the 2016 National Winter Games.

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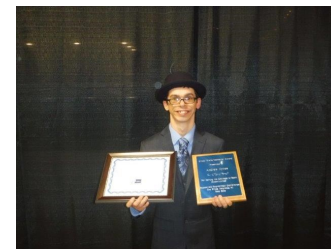
SENL Conference 2016 - People, Purpose and Passion

Creating the Pathway for Success

On May 24th, 2016, employees of the Supported Employment Newfoundland and Labrador Network met for a three-day conference on Supported Employment at The Wilds in Salmonier. It was three days of invaluable learning which concluded with the Annual Gala where two prestigious awards were presented.

The first Award was the Cindy Watts Award which was presented to Andrew Hynes of Visions Employment Plus Inc., for having the courage to seek opportunities, a positive attitude and good work ethic.

The second award was the Flo Paul IN UNISON Award, an award pre-

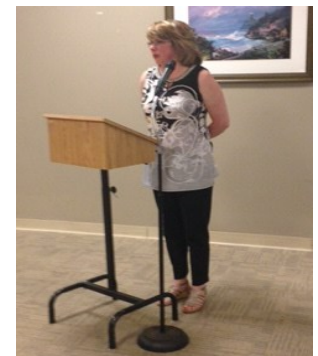


Andrew Hynes accepting his award.

sented by NLACL honoring individuals, groups or organizations that exemplify the values and principles articulated by IN UNISON.

This years' recipient was none other than our very own Paula McDonald, Executive Director of the Gambo and Area Employment Corporation.

The SENL Network would like to send out a bouquet of congratulations to Andrew and Paula for being this years' de-



Paula McDonald accepting her award.

serving recipients and for being such amazing role models.

The Conference was three days of magnificent speakers and sessions where SENL staff learned so much they could take back to their day-to-day work and clients.

Planning is already underway for next years' conference.

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Visions Client, Shawn King, achieves 20 year milestone with the same company.

Hard work

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Dreams

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Dedication

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Success

Visions Client Celebrates 20 Years of Employment with Hibernia Management & Development Company Ltd.

Shawn King, a client of Visions Employment Plus Inc., celebrated 20 years of employment with Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. on March 13th, 2015. Shawn was hired on as a Mailroom Coordinator in 1995 and has been an integral part of their team since then. Shawn sorts and distributes mail and supplies within the office.

His supervisor has always found Shawn to be an excellent employee and Shawn truly loves his job. His employer and co-workers celebrated his 20th year with a cake and surprised him with a brand new Sony Home Audio System as a gift for his hard work and dedication in his job. Visions Employment is very proud of Shawn achieving this mile-

stone and would like to acknowledge his accomplishment. We wish Shawn continued success in his career with Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. Job well done!

Special Olympians Go for Gold!

SENL would like to congratulate all Special Olympians and SES clients who competed in the 2016 National Winter Games held in Corner Brook from February 29th to March 6th, 2016. Special Olympians and clients of SES competed in seven winter sports – alpine skiing, cross country skiing, curling, figure skating,

floor hockey, snow shoeing and speed skating.

Congrats to all our Olympians for your hard work and dedication to your sport and for representing Newfoundland and Labrador so well.

Extra special congratulations to those clients

and athletes chosen for the National Team who will be travelling to Austria to compete internationally in 2017.



SES Success in Bonavista



Photo: Lisa and last job trainer Doreen.

Lisa D. White – Lisa has been a client of the Ability Employment Corporation in Bonavista since she finished high school in 1998. In April of 1999, Lisa accepted employment as a Caretaker/Janitor with her new employer, Premiere Atlantic in Bonavista. With her job trainer by her side, Lisa was/is responsible for the interior cleanliness

of the Bonavista Campus of the College of the North Atlantic. This includes daily sweeping/mopping of the campus floors, including exterior entranceways, multiple bathrooms, classrooms, office space, cafeteria and the stripping/waxing of floors twice annually. Lisa enjoys going into work every day and she always has a smile on her face. Her pleasant personality is a constant at the campus with staff and students alike always enjoying the daily interaction. She's always in to work on time and often found keeping the campus sparkling late into the evenings.

Over the past few years, Lisa has enjoyed numerous job trainers but this past year Lisa moved from Job Trainer

Supports to a Purchased Support Agreement with Premiere Atlantic and her new co-worker Ricky. While she was sad to see her relationship with her job trainers cease, she was excited and thrilled to move on to this new chapter in her life. She was ready! And boy does she ever keep the Bonavista Campus shining.

AEC is very pleased to provide the ongoing employment maintenance support required to make this working partnership with The Department Of Advanced Education & Skills, the College of the North Atlantic, Premiere Atlantic, and of course Lisa, a wonderful relationship indeed.

From Career Education to the House of Assembly

In September 2015, Crystal started in the Vera Perlin Society's Career Education and Exploration Program. This program is a 10-month pre-employment skills program housed out of the College of the North Atlantic. In March of 2016, Crystal was hired by the Hon. Speaker, Mr. Tom Osborne, as a Page in the

House of Assembly. Crystal thoroughly enjoys her position and working with the other Pages, Sergeant at Arms and the Members of the House of Assembly. Congratulations, Crystal!



Three L forms Rock Island Jewelry

Three L formed Island Rock Jewelry and Crafts and Nu Venture Cafeteria to aid in employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities in an area with very few employment options. The clients and co-workers employed at Island Rock and the gift shop are responsible for the day-to-day operations and running of Island Rock Jewelry, the workshop, gift shop and the Miner's Museum. Island Rock Jewelry and Crafts employees use indigenous materials (fluorspar extracted locally from the

St. Lawrence Fluorspar mine) and fashion it into jewelry and craft items. The jewelry workshop and gift shop are attached to the Miner's Museum, introducing tourists to the rich mining history of the Town.

The upcoming expansion of the workshop and recently announced approved funding for a Tea Room to be constructed on the grounds is a momentous occasion for Three L, current and future clients and the St. Lawrence area. The Provincial Government is provid-

ing \$166,275.00 to the Town of St. Lawrence to expand the St. Lawrence Miner's Museum to enhance the tourist experience. The initiative is being driven by a strong partnership including Three L Training and Employment, Island Rock Jewelry and Crafts, and the St. Lawrence Historical Advisory Committee and will contribute to new business opportunities for the region.



Dominion Joins the SES Team

MRON's Supported Employment Services Program (SES) is pleased to announce a new employer connection. In December 2015, Mr. Gord Lush, Manager of Dominion in Bay Roberts welcomed our program with open arms. An SES client was successful in securing a position as Front End Clerk with the business. The client works part time, flex hours under natural support. His re-

sponsibilities include carry outs, gathering carts and general clean up.

Our client's hard work and dedication to the business has proven to be a positive experience. Mr. Lush states that the SES client is a true team player, gets along well with co-workers and is always there to assist others and lend a helping hand. He is a hard worker, very moti-

vated and committed to his job.

The Client informs his Employment Counsellor, Amanda, that he loves his job and the new friendships he has made along the way. He looks forward to what the future has to offer.