

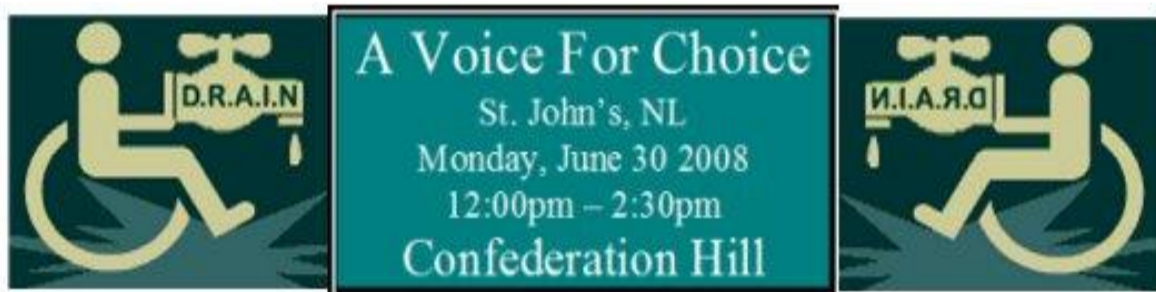


The provincial disabled community is facing difficult times and more difficult choices in the way in which members of that community live their daily lives.

D.R.A.I.N – Disability Rights Are Indeed Neglected is an advocate group, whose mandate provides for both research and information sharing on current and future government programs that effect disabled persons.

Helen Morris Hillier, D.R.A.I.N president, says current policy on home support, income support, oxygen provision, accessibility, independent living and human rights infringement are the organizations top issues right now. Hillier says, while the overall issues are vast in numbers, the need for quality service in these areas is severely compromised, and by and large due to politics. Persons in need of home support for example, must face gruelling assessments, and by non professionals in medicine. Hillier adds, in most cases, assessments are done by Social Workers only, without any knowledge of the disabilities they are assessing.

Mrs. Hillier says, D.R.A.I.N members, as well as the people we represent are frustrated with the risk factors and long standing policy, disallowing family members to work for persons in their family needing care. This policy she adds, contradicts both federal and provincial labour rights, standards and act. Mrs. Hillier muses at the fact that the very government that make the policy and rules for all to follow, are so easily allowed to break them.



On June 30th, 2008, and in association with a line up of specialized professionals, guest speakers and leaders in the disabled community D.R.A.I.N will Rally on Confederation Hill. You will be informed on topics such as

- NL Nurses Union
- D.R.A.I.N “Disability Rights Are Indeed Neglected
- Association Of Psychologists In Newfoundland Labrador
- Dr. William Eaton - A Long Time Standing Physician In Rehabilitation & Palliative Care.
- President Of The St. John's Para Transit System
- Partners For Workplace Inclusion
- Seniors Resource Centre
- NL Independent Living Resource Center
- Home Care Newfoundland and Labrador
- NL Association of Public and Private Employees
- Canadian Mental Health Association

We are encouraging everyone to attend this event. If you are someone that has a disability, is a senior, is on income support, is a home support worker or just someone who support these topics, than please do come and show your support and voice your concerns. This is our chance to have a show of solidarity and support for requested services for the disabled community in this province. We are asking for public support in our venture. Please contact us 709 747 1245 if you have questions or need further information.