

#### Astonished! a grassroots, user-led, charitable organization

We work towards inclusive community where young adults with complex physical disAbilities can share their dreams, explore their strengths, and lead others to a more authentically inclusive society.

We focus our efforts to address barriers so young adults with complex physical disAbilities can engage in teaching and learning, experience social/recreational/cultural events, and develop opportunities for accessible employment.

Over 30 young adults with complex physical disabilities make up our 'Core Membership' and represent Astonished!

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#### To inform participants on how we:

Developed/maintain our promise to be a user-led organization

Infuse inclusive community throughout an academic institution

Situate ourselves as active participants in research

Use person-centered planning to guide everything we do



#### Astonished! currently offers four programs:

- 1. The Astonished! Teaching and Learning Centre
- 2. The Astonished! Social Club
- 3. Summer Literacy Program
- 4. Path to Future Endeavors





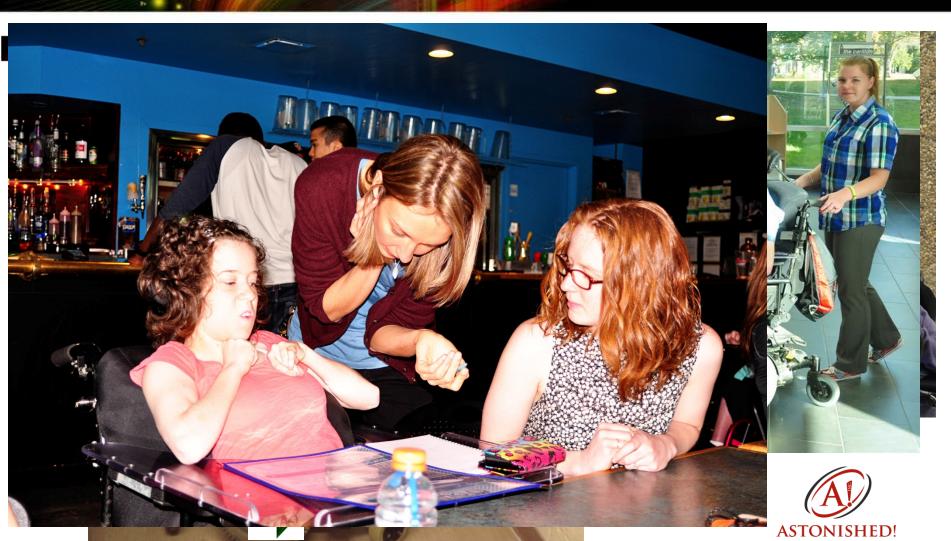
## How we developed/maintain our promise to be a user-led organization



## How we infuse inclusive community throughout an academic institution



## How we infuse inclusive community throughout an academic institution continued



# How we situate ourselves as active participants in research



### How we use person-centered planning to guide everything we do

