

# WOW Awards 2026 - Celebrate people and places advancing inclusion and full citizenship!



Community Living BC (CLBC) has been celebrating people who make their communities more inclusive through the Widening Our World (WOW) Awards for 17 years.

We are recognizing people and places in communities across B.C. who are making a difference.

We invite you to nominate a **person** in your community:

- who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in advancing inclusion and full citizenship of people with developmental disabilities in B.C.
- who advocates for and has made changes that have resulted in people with developmental disabilities having equal access to the same opportunities as everyone else in their community.

You can also nominate a **place** in your community:

- that is accessible, welcoming and inclusive for all people.
- where individuals with disabilities are seen in valued roles, like being an employee, volunteer, or other fully participating member of the community.



## Nomination deadline:

**5:00 p.m. on April 6, 2026**  
(sorry, no late entries will be accepted)

An evaluation committee of self-advocates, family members, community members and service providers will review all nominations and choose the 2026 WOW Award recipients in April 2026. Award recognition and celebration events will take place in the Summer around the province.

## WOW 2026 Award Rules:

All nominations must be completed on the official nomination form.

Telephone and email information for both you (the nominator) and the nominee must be included on the form.

Award recipients and their nominees' names will be published on the CLBC website, social media channels and in the Celebrate Diverse Abilities newsletter.

## How to submit your nomination:

Print this document, then complete the nomination form on the following pages. Mail your completed nomination form to:

**Community Living BC - Attn: Brita Hall**  
**6531 Metral Drive**  
**Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 2L9**

An online nomination form is available by visiting: [www.CommunityLivingBC.ca/WOW](http://www.CommunityLivingBC.ca/WOW)

# WOW Awards 2026 Nomination Form



If you need help to complete this form, ask someone you trust, like a friend, family member, service provider or co-worker.

If you have questions or need more information, please email: [wowclbcawards@gov.bc.ca](mailto:wowclbcawards@gov.bc.ca).

## Contact Information - Nominator and Nominee

You are nominating someone for an award so it's important that we can contact you and the person you are nominating. Please make sure you complete all the lines where there are stars\*.

\*Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name of person you are nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Their email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Their phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name of the community where they live: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tell us why your nominee should be recognized with a WOW Award

When you answer the questions on the following pages, tell us as much as you can about the person or place you are nominating. Please share examples or stories with your answers that show how they are going above and beyond to strengthen inclusion.

You can write as much as you like. All the information you provide will be used by the evaluation committee to choose this year's WOW Award recipients. If you need more space, there are blank pages at the end of this document for you to use.

If you are nominating a **person** in your community, complete all of the questions on page 3.

If you are nominating a **place** in your community, complete all of the questions on page 4.

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**1. What makes this person a champion of inclusion for all people? Provide examples or stories to describe why this person is a leader in advancing the rights and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities.**

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**2. How has this person shown leadership to build a more inclusive community for people with developmental disabilities? Please provide examples or share a story to demonstrate how they have shown leadership in this area.**

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**3. What actions has this person taken to make sure people with developmental disabilities have access to the same opportunities in community as everyone else? Please list all the changes or actions to tell us how they have done this.**

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**4. Please share anything else that explains why this person should receive a 2026 WOW Award:**

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**1. Describe how this place is accessible, welcoming, inclusive and respectful of all people. Please give specific examples. The more the better.**

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**2. What specific steps did this place take to remove barriers and create equal access for everyone? Please provide specific examples or share a story to demonstrate how they have done this.**

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**3. Please share anything else that explains why this place should receive a 2026 WOW Award:**

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