DRPI - CILT Human Rights Monitoring in Toronto, Ontario

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CURRENT STATUS

- 14 Interviews completed
- 5 interviews scheduled for this week.
- In the process of recruiting more interviewees from a broad spectrum of disability groups and communities.
- People from a wide range of disabilities have been interviewed.
- People that have been interviewed have ranged from 20-60 years of age.

EXPERIENCE OF MONITORS

- Overall experience of the process is positive for both monitors and interviewees.
- Training was valuable as it lead to monitors being comfortable with interview process and an understanding of the project.
- Most contacts are very enthusiastic about participating.
- Most interviewees are giving names of people that may be interested in being future interviewees, with some noticeable trends (ex. People that are employed).

DIFFICULTIES

- Timing- Due to training being held in late November, interviews could not be scheduled until January as interviewees would not commit in December due to the holidays.
- On the return in late January of one monitor, she resigned. Therefore working with 3 monitors rather than 4.
- Weather resulted in many cancellations/rescheduling
- Big City
- Need to streamline process, which we did but not until March.