

The Open Sky BYOB (Be Your Own Boss) Program

Do you need a job?

Has mental health or a learning challenge made getting training or keeping a job difficult?

Are you open to learning something new and working well with others?

Here is how it works:

Apply by October 1, 2018:

1. Get an application form from your employment agency or from Luc at ARA (see below). Send it in or drop it off by October 1st. You may be invited for an interview in early October. Tell us about your experiences with training and jobs, your interests, and what you are good at. Space is limited. Fifteen people will hear, by October 20, 2018, if they are accepted.

November 5 – 30, 2018:

2. Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon to 4pm, attend the program at ARA and build your work and businesses skills. Find out what new businesses might work in the city, and plan a start-up business with others in the program. Local transportation, a great lunch and a small daily stipend provided.

Follow-up:

3. You will learn a lot, and have many new skills. You choose your next steps.
 - a. With the support of an experienced coach, you can meet with your new business partners, develop your business and try it out. It may be a slow start with money coming in slowly at first. There may be surprises. You will have lots of support along the way.
 - b. Or, you can return to the agency that already provides you support, and let your new knowledge take you in another direction toward employment.
 - c. Or, your new skills may land you a different job.

What if you had the chance to overcome employment barriers – to work how you like, for the hours that fit you?

This fall – learn how to create the job you want!

You will get the right kind of business start-up support, personal coaching, and training program that makes sense to you, to help you progress toward employment, whether by starting your own business, or joining others to build the kind of employment you all want.

Special features of this program:

- it is focused to meet the needs of autistic adults 18+ as well as those with mental health challenges;
- participants are expected to bring a diversity of skills, interests and needs;
- the co-operative model will be our foundation for business and interpersonal relationships;
- this year's program will be carried out in English only

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Contact Luc, or give your application to him at:

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