



The 8th International Conference on Social Role Valorization

May 7-9 2025

The Good Things in Life at Home,
School, Work and Beyond!

Easy-to-Read

Event Information Package



Welcome

This document is about an event. The event is being held in a city called Halifax in Nova Scotia, Canada. The event is 3 days long. It starts on May 7th, 2025 and ends on May 9th, 2025. There are two other events that will happen before the main event. One will happen on May 5th, 2025 and another one will happen on May 6th, 2025. The events on May 5th and 6th are called “the pre-conference events”.

There is a website about this event. Click the red lighthouse to visit it.



This document is written in plain language. Some topics in this document are hard to understand. It may be helpful to read this document with someone you trust.

People from all over the world can come to this event. You must travel to Canada to attend this event. There will be presentations and a lot of time for people to meet and talk at this event. The topic of the event is Social Role Valorization.

What is Social Role Valorization (SRV)?

Social Role Valorization (SRV) is a framework to help people who have been left out of a typical life, with all the things that valued members of society enjoy. Assisting people to have valued social roles are a central part of SRV. Having valued roles offers better opportunities for people to experience the fullness of life. Things like:

- being respected and treated fairly;
- having responsibilities;
- being recognized as a valued citizen in our community;
- having a job, going to school and being part of the community;
- having a nice place to live that feels like home;
- having friends and loved ones;

SRV calls these things “*the good things of life*”.

What is Social Role Valorization (SRV)?

When people do not have Valued Social Roles, their lives become significantly more limited and they miss out on typical opportunities and relationships.

SRV was developed by Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger. He was the author of Normalization in 1972. Normalization had worldwide influence, especially in human services. He began to speak and write about SRV starting in 1983 and his ideas about what makes for a good life for people evolved and matured.

SRV has influenced and guided people in many different areas:

- human services
- education;
- advocacy;
- family and community.

Learning about SRV, and how to apply it takes time and practice. We are bringing together a group of people who study SRV and use it in their work and lives. This is an opportunity to learn from one another, to grow the SRV community and to enjoy one another's company.



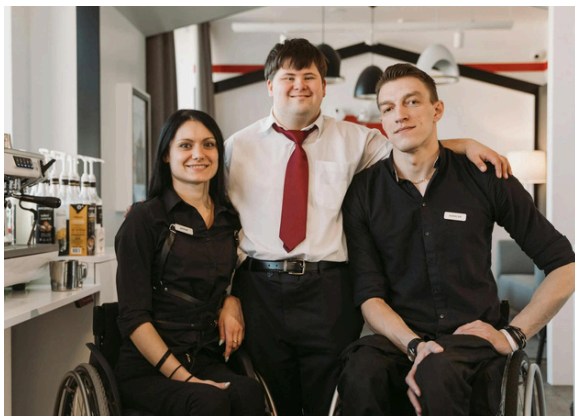
What is the goal of this event?

The goal of this event is to bring people together to learn about SRV. We want people to share their stories. Sometimes SRV is hard to understand. So there will be presentations to help people learn new information so they can better understand. People can also ask questions. There are some topics we want to focus on.

They are:

- What is a good life at home, school and work?
- What can help make people's lives better?

There will be presentations and lots of discussions at this event. You can apply to present. There is an application and some rules. Click the red lighthouse to learn more.



Who should attend?

This event is open to lots of different people. People from all over the world can come to this event. You must travel to Canada to attend this event.

People who should attend:



Professionals:

- people who are paid to help other people

Human Service Providers:

- people who provide personal care, 1-1 support or who organize services for people

Policy Makers:

- people who create laws, work for the government or who make decisions that impact people's lives

Families, Friends and Advocates:

- people who have have a disability, their friends or family

Educators:

- people who teach in schools, colleges, universities

Trainers:

- people who teach others

Staying In Halifax



Your Stay in Halifax

Halifax is the capital city of Nova Scotia. It is a large city in the Maritime provinces. This means it is the largest city on the east coast of Canada. Since before white people, the Mi'kmaq people looked after the land. We acknowledge the Mi'kmaq nation as the past, present and future caretakers of this land.

Things To Do

The city of Halifax has a lot of things to do. You can explore the city when you come. There are lots of beaches, parks and stores. There is something for everyone.

Where To Stay

Halifax has many hotels. We have a list of hotels you can call. You can get a discount. We can not book your hotel for you. You need to call the hotel if you want to stay there. They can answer your questions.

Getting to Halifax

Travel



You can get to Halifax by air, land and sea. The airport in Halifax is called the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. Please contact us if you need help getting to the event.

Travel Documents



Everyone must have important travel documents to stay and travel in Canada. If you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident you will require an eTA (electronic travel authorization) or travel visa to come to Canada.

A Canadian citizen is someone who has a Canadian passport.

A permanent resident is someone who has permission to live in Canada.

Please check what travel documents you need. Use the Government of Canada website to find more information. Travel documents can take a long time to get. It is important to ask for these documents soon.

Click the first red maple leaf to see a list. The list tells you what you need. Look for the country where you live.



Click the second red maple leaf to go to a different website. This website tells you about different types of travel documents for Canada.

