



# PowerShift Organizing Toolkit

## Section 3 - Logistics

### Getting to, staying at and eating during PowerShift

PowerShift organizers are working very hard to see that all your logistical needs are met, such as transportation, accommodation and eating while at the conference. Physical and social accessibility, childcare, and the assurance of safe-spaces are all at the top of our list!

#### Conference Space

A variety of venues will be used to meet the needs of PowerShift. In addition to seminar and workshop spaces, to be held on campus participants will have access to: open space where they are encouraged to form identity-based or other caucuses, have important conversations, and build solidarity between people with similar experiences; multi-faith prayer space; a quiet room and space for meditation; and a drop-in space where luggage can be stored and work can be done.

#### Transportation to PowerShift

In 2009 and 2012, local groups chartered buses or arranged group-discount train and air travel to get folks from their group to PowerShift. **For details on how to do this check out the transportation section below.**

#### Getting Around

All participants will be provided with a map of Halifax and a map of the conference venues which are on Dalhousie University campus and in the north end of Halifax. These maps will also include the locations of gender neutral bathrooms, prayer spaces, restaurants to meet any dietary restrictions, and venues that are physically accessible. All of PowerShift Atlantic's spaces are physically accessible. We will also provide information about public transportation.

#### Accommodation

PowerShift organizers are currently arranging a variety of accommodations such as billeting, hotel deals and accessible accommodations for participants with visible/invisible disabilities and other barriers. We encourage you to try to set up accommodation for your group and as always - if you need any help ask a Regional Organizing Coordinator for assistance!

#### Food



Participants will need to look after some of their own meals and snacks, while some will be provided. The map provided to participants upon arrival will show nearby grocery stores and cheap, healthy restaurants.

### Childcare

Depending on the demand, we will arrange for reliable childcare to be provided throughout a large part of, if not all, of the conference. If you or anyone in your group requires childcare during PowerShift, please let us know by indicating this on your registration form! You can also let your Regional Volunteer coordinator know how many children in your group will need supervision. This will help us find enough and appropriate childcare.

### Accessibility and Inclusivity

All conference venues will be wheelchair accessible. ASL translation will be offered, at minimum, at the plenaries and select workshops. ASL translation services may be available at additional workshops based on request.

For moral and/or crisis support needs, support workers and/or active listeners will be available and easily identifiable for all participants throughout the conference should they need a listening ear, a sounding board for ideas or someone with whom to talk through a problem. Other accommodations for accessibility can be made available upon request.

The earlier you and folks in your community register and let us know about any accommodations that are needed, the more likely we are to be able to make things run smoothly!