



**The only event in Ottawa where good food meets
a good time for a GREAT Cause**

EVENT ACCESSIBILITY

Thursday, May 11, 2023 | Westin Ottawa Hotel

ABLE2

About the Event

Evening in the Maritimes (EiTM23) is a fundraising event hosted annually by **ABLE2: Support for People with Disabilities**, a small, but mighty Ottawa charity.

This event brings the Maritimes to Ottawa for one night filled with fresh Nova Scotia lobster, lively east coast music, a networking cocktail reception, compelling stories, and a chance for guests to bid on unique auction items or win carefully curated prizes.

ABLE2's mandate is to provide resources and support to people with disabilities, thus, the purpose of this document is to provide the accessibility context that a person with a disability requires in order to gauge the accessibility of the event and to request an accommodation, if needed.



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Personal Care Attendants, Caregivers or Interpreters for people with disabilities must register for the event and purchase a ticket. A 25% discount code is available by request to eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca.



Guests with disabilities may request specific seating arrangements on the event ticket reservation form. There are seats with extra space for wheelchair users or those with mobility aids and front row seats for those with hearing impairments.



Neurodiverse guests will have access to a quiet (sensory) space during the event featuring calming music, seating, and low lighting.



Accessible parking is available at the Rideau Centre and there is a drop-off zone at the front of the hotel at the corner of Colonel By Drive & Daly Avenue.



Washroom privacy is available upon request. A member of the guest services team will provide access to a private washroom. There is an accessible stall in all washrooms on the 4th floor of the venue.



The hotel has staff trained on CPR, AED, and First Aid. A First Aid Kit and AED machine is available onsite.

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The event takes place on the 4th floor of the Westin Hotel which is accessed via a series of escalators or elevators. There are no stairs in any of the event spaces on the 4th floor.



The 4th floor at the venue has no stairs, however, guests who are part of the on-stage production will be able to access the stage using a ramp or set of 3 stairs.



The cocktail reception portion of the evening involves a lot of standing and walking around, however, there will be a variety of different styles of seating provided for those who cannot stand for long periods of time. Guests are also welcome to skip the cocktail reception and access their assigned seat in the ballroom upon arrival.



The chairs in the ballroom (during dinner) are 16 inches wide. They are a standard banquet chair with no armrests. Larger chairs are available upon request at eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca



The primary language spoken on-stage at the event during dinner is English. Live captioning will be provided on-screen for those who prefer to read along. There will be 3 large screens in the ballroom.



Any videos shown during the event will be captioned or subtitled.

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There are three menu options available. Allergies, dietary preferences, and other menu-related requests can be submitted to eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca, (including Halal, vegan, gluten-free, kosher, etc.)



There may be flash photography at the event.



A private lactation space will be made available for those who may need it. Guests will be required to request this in advance by contacting eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca



Cell phones are permitted at the event; however, guests are encouraged to enable vibration mode for notifications unless use of a phone is an extension of required medical devices. Charging stations will be provided.



There will be print materials on the tables during dinner and wayfinding signage that may not be accessible for the visually impaired.



Service dogs are welcomed at the event. Water will be provided and there is a pet relief area outside in front of the hotel. Requirements must be submitted in advance to eitmtickets@isparkconsulting.ca



MORE INFORMATION

- For more information about the accessibility policy for Evening in the Maritimes 2023, please contact events@able2.org
- To modify an event registration to better reflect your accessibility requirements, contact EiTMtickets@isparkconsulting.ca prior to May 1, 2023.