



## **The First Person Project**

Tell us your story.

**reachAbility**, a charitable organization committed to creating an **even playing field** for persons with all types of disability, is asking **Canadians with disabilities** to share their **personal experiences with employment** in a book being published in 2010.

The First Person Project aims to **break down the real barriers** to employment (stigma, fear and misunderstanding), to spread the “Equal (fair and equitable) Not Special” message, and to **increase awareness** of the advantages and achievability of workplace inclusion, with **strategies and solutions** for the future.

Whether you live with a physical, cognitive, visual, hearing, mental health or invisible disability, whether you’ve worked for years or are just starting out, we want your stories of challenges and successes, stigma and accessibility, disclosure and empowerment, **in your own voice and in your own way.**

Your nonfiction contribution can be up to 1500 words; we encourage a variety of formats, from **prose and poetry to art, photography and more.**

The deadline for submissions is **February 15, 2010**. Please include your name, age, sex, disability and location. Your piece may appear anonymously at your request. Submission is not a guarantee of publication; we reserve the right to edit.

For more information or to make a submission, please contact:

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