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Celebrating the growth & achievement of adults living with developmental disabilities across #YVR

https://growthbash.eventbrite.ca www.kudoz.ca

Looking for a story of *local* innovation and growth? Kudoz is a first-of-its kind social start-up that is transforming the way we volunteer. This Thursday at #growthbash 2017 meet some of the 500 community members who are turning their passions into one-hour learning experiences for adults with developmental disabilities.

Learning experiences range in topics from *Burlesque Dancing* to *App Development* and from *Biology* to *Filmmaking*. Adults with developmental disabilities log onto our online platform and can choose from over 150 experiences, all hosted in person by awesome locals from across the Greater Vancouver Area.

#Growthbash 2017 celebrates the impact of Kudoz on stigma, mental health, and independence. We're directly We'll be awarding badges to recognize achievements and showcase the value of alternative credentialing for jobs of the future. Local guests, mayors, VIPS, and community leaders will be on hand to show their support for home-grown innovation in the Lower Mainland.

It takes guts to try new things and we are looking forward to another fearless cohort taking to the stage and sharing their stories and adventures all while using the <u>Kudoz Platform</u>.

Growth Bash: Kudoz Badging Ceremony
WHEN: Thursday 7:00pm-9:00pm
SPACEKRAFT By CMPNY
201-4501 Kingsway Burnaby, BC
To get tickets, or for more information,
please visit: https://growthbash.eventbrite.ca

Interview opportunities include:

- Executive Directors of the Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion, posAbilities, Simon Fraser Society for Community Living
- International Research Team Lead: Dr. Sarah Schulman (Rhodes Scholar)
- Amazing locals from across YVR Kudoers and Hosts

Photos & logos at http://kudoz.ca/press
high resolution photos from our last event on dropbox

Kudoz isn't a traditional social program or government service. It's a unique partnership between four organizations: three large social service agencies in the lower mainland (Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion, Simon Fraser Society for Community Living, and posAbilities) and an international social enterprise (InWithForward). It comes from a design thinking process - the same process companies like Apple use to launch new products. Watch a short film about our origin story, research background and the idea behind Kudoz... adults with developmental disability aren't simply isolated from other people, they are isolated from learning and novelty. To learn more about Kudoz, please visit: www.kudoz.ca

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